

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAM REPORT

July 1, 2005 – September 30, 2005

WRC-TV attempts to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by presenting broadcast material that treats significant issues of the people in the communities served by WRC-TV station. WRC recognizes that it has an ongoing obligation to remain aware of such community issues and to exercise its best judgment as to what broadcast matter should be programmed to treat those needs and interests.

The following is a brief description of such community issues and some of the programs we believe have provided the most significant treatment of such issues during the period January 1, 2004 – March 31, 2004, including the title of such program, its time, type, source, date and duration of broadcast.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE AND TEN A.M., FOUR, FIVE, SIX AND ELEVEN P.M. TYPE: News Series SOURCE: Local TIME: 5:00-7:00AM, 10:00-11:00AM, 4:00-5:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM, 6:00-7:00PM, 11:00-11:35PM, Monday – Friday; 6:00-6:30PM, Saturday and Sunday. NEWS 4 TODAY. TYPE: News SOURCE: Local TIMES: Weekdays, 5:00-7:00AM, Saturdays, 6:00-7:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM, Sundays, 6:00AM-8:00AM, and 9:00AM-10:30AM. DURATION: See Times. WRC-TV reporters probe special issues of concern to area residents. **Stories generally appear more than once in the daily newscasts, as they are recapped throughout the day.** WRC-TV initiated, in December 1992, active closed captioning of its news broadcasts. Currently, all regularly scheduled news programs thirty minutes or longer are closed-captioned. Also, special news events sometimes are closed captioned, depending on the availability of the transcription service. The word for word transcription service includes chitchat between stories at two hundred plus words per minute, with less than a three-second delay. This effort addresses the needs of more than 300,000 deaf and hard of hearing people in the Washington area.

THE MCLAUGHLIN GROUP. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV studios) TIME: Saturdays, 7:30-8:00PM, Repeated Sundays, 11:30AM. DURATION: thirty Minutes. This public affairs panel anchored by John McLaughlin, features discussion and analysis of current national and world events by five candid and respected Washington commentators.

ONE ON ONE. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV) TIME: Sundays, 12:00 DURATION: Thirty Minutes. Host John McLaughlin interviews a prominent political or world leader each week on selected newsworthy issues.

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 6:15-6:30AM. DURATION: Fifteen Minutes. This reporter roundtable, which premiered on October 4, 1992, features discussion of public affairs issues by leading area journalists. The program is part of News 4 Today and usually is hosted by WRC-TV reporter Tom Sherwood. Journalist Milagros Ardin, WMAL-AM; Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; and Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM, join him.

VIEWPOINT. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 7:00-7:30AM.
DURATION: Thirty Minutes. WRC-TV's Joe Krebs hosts this weekly exploration of issues and people impacting the community. The program is part of the two hour News 4 Today news block on Sundays from 6:00-8:00AM. It premiered on November 15, 1992

I. Family/Miscellaneous

Many children in the Washington effort suffer from being denied the opportunity to grow up in a stable home with parents who can care for them emotionally and financially. WRC-TV helps these children directly through its Wednesday's Child project, described below. The station also broadcasts other news stories on the issue of adoption, some of which are described below.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE PM. – WEDNESDAY'S CHILD. WRC-TV's Barbara Harrison, on selected Wednesdays, features a child or children who need a home, or celebrates a happy ending to an adoption story. In September, Barbara Harrison, with the Council of Governments, launched a program through which viewers may dial a phone number and find out more about adopting a child through any jurisdiction in our viewing area. Some of the stories are repeated on News 4 Sundays at nine AM. Some of the dates in which Wednesday's Child ran were:

July (6, 13, 20, 27)

August (3, 10, 17, 24, 31)

September (7, 14, 21, 28)

Kids/Family

NEWS 4 July 1-From her childhood on the last-b ranch in Arizona to her historic position on the Supreme Court, Sandra Day O'Connor has led as exceptional life and that didn't change when she came to Washington.

NEWS 4 July 1-As the news spread about Justice O'Connor's retirement, people are reacting to her legacy.

NEWS 4 July 1-Summer curfew hours go into effect in the District, teens 17 and under can stay outside until midnight.

NEWS 4 July 1-This year's capitol Fourth celebration on the West Lawn of the Capitol includes the return of the Beach Boys.

NEWS 4 July 4-Tens of thousands of American troops are marking this Fourth of July holiday in Iraq.

NEWS 4 July 4-Two servicemen wounded in the Iraq war participated in a holiday ceremony outside the National Archives.

NEWS 4 July 4-The 4th of July celebration in Takoma Park was full of interesting moments as usual, in addition to antique cars and bands. But some stat politicians heard first hand who will and won't be voting for them next time.

NEWS 4 July 4-With the 4th of July comes fun and fireworks, but the consumer product safety commission says you really do need to be careful. That's because despite the warnings, fireworks are responsible for thousands of injuries each year.

NEWS 4 July 4-It is easy to take all that we have for granted, to allow the concepts of freedom and liberty to fade into the wallpaper of our hyperactive lives. In Freedom Park 50 immigrants reminded us why we should be thankful to be Americans.

NEWS 4 July 5-The District used July 4th on the on the mall to test its emergency evacuation plans.

NEWS 4 July 5-A memorial service was held at TC Williams High School graduate who died last week. Family, friends, and teachers gathered at the school to say good-bye to 18 year old Kelley Swanson who died from a suspected case of bacterial meningitis.

NEWS 4 July 5-The National Military Family Association based in Alexandria Virginia is stepping in to help for the second straight year, the association and Sears and Roebuck are sponsoring summer camps for the children of servicemen and women.

NEWS 4 July 5-What is believed to be the last working farm inside the beltway is being sold to a developer who plans to build a strip mall in Prince George's County.

NEWS 4 July 6-A police officer in Arlington is under investigation for how he treated an injured deer.

NEWS 4 July 6-Four years ago we met two beautiful girls who were hoping someone would come forward and adopt them.

NEWS 4 July 6-Two figures of historic note have died, L. Patrick Gray who took over the FBI just weeks before the Watergate break in died in Atlantic Beach Florida from complications of pancreatic cancer.

NEWS 4 July 6-Retired Vice Admiral James Stockdale, who was Ross Perot's running mate during the 1992 presidential campaign died at his home in Coronado California, he was 81.

NEWS 4 July 7-Tensions are high following the London attacks and there's heightened sense of awareness.

NEWS 4 July 7-A group of about 25 to 30 people got stuck on an elevator inside the Washington Monument.

NEWS 4 July 7-The attacks in London highlight the need for safety awareness on metro rails.

NEWS 4 July 7-Virginia's elected leaders say Military Offices in Arlington and Alexandria that help protect this Country could be severely harmed by a plan to move them.

NEWS 4 July 7-The Pentagon's proposal to move 23,000 DOD workers out of leased office space in Northern Virginia has been under fire ever since it was announced in May. Elected Leaders made their case to the commission that will finalize the plan.

NEWS 4 July 8-Larry Hughes, the free agent shooting guard of the wizards turned down their offer, opting instead to sign on with the Cleveland Cavaliers to play along side Lebron James.

NEWS 4 July 8-American Muslim groups are speaking out strongly to condemn the London bombings, calling them barbaric crimes.

NEWS 4 July 11-There's controversy surrounding one of the country's most popular video games, Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas. A group that monitors video games has issued a parental alert saying Grand Theft Auto has pornographic scenes hidden in the game.

NEWS 4 July 12-A major court fight is expected as the District moves ahead with plans to buy Skyland Shopping Center in southeast even through the owners don't want to sell.

NEWS 4 July 12-The woman known as the hugging saint will be spending some time in our area over the next few days.

NEWS 4 July 13-The anticipated launch of the shuttle had caused much excitement, but news of the launch delay spread, that excitement turned to disappointment.

NEWS 4 July 13-Chief Justice William Rehnquist is in an Arlington Hospital. Rehnquist, who is battling thyroid cancer, was taken by ambulance to Virginia Hospital Center complaining of a high fever.

NEWS 4 July 13-The Russian Ministry that oversees adoptions is calling for new rules governing foreign adoptions following the murder of a toddler in our area. 33-year-old Peggy Sue Hilt is charged in the fatal beating of the two-year-old Russian girl she adopted.

NEWS 4 July 14-quick action by a neighbor may have saved the life of a teenager who had to be rescued when his home caught fire in Alexandria. It happened in the 32 hundred block of Burgandy Road.

NEWS 4 July 14-Some teens think their parents are annoying because they get too involved in their lives, but new research shows getting involved is a good thing. One study found strong parenting can help teens avoid violence.

NEWS 4 July 14-It's been five days since the Panda cub was born at the National Zoo and staff members say the baby panda is continuing to thrive.

NEWS 4 July 18-Two sisters from Tennessee who were injured in the London attacks are in good condition at a North Carolina hospital.

NEWS 4 July 18-Chris Humphrey was on vacation at a beach in North Carolina when he was bitten by a shark, Humphrey is from Springfield Virginia.

NEWS 4 July 18-Susan Torres has been on life support at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington since May, she has cancer and doctors say she has no chance of surviving. She has been kept alive in hopes that her unborn baby will survive.

NEWS 4 July 18-TiVo is launching a new effort to encourage viewers to watch commercials instead of skipping past them.

NEWS 4 July 19-Fire investigations in Prince George's County say two early morning fires in Accokeek, Maryland are suspicious. The fires started between 3 and 3:30 in the morning in a two-block stretch of Livingston Road.

NEWS 4 July 19-In Herndon, Virginia tensions are high over a plan to create a hiring center for dozens of day laborers that congregate daily in a shopping district. The issue has drawn big crowds to public meetings and divided some in the community.

NEWS 4 July 20-The Judge Roberts nomination to the Supreme Court made headlines all over the nation. It's big national news and will rivet official Washington. But outside the Judge's Chevy Chase home, routine life goes on like a recycling truck.

NEWS 4 July 20-A UN Humanitarian Chief says hundreds of thousands of children in Niger are starving because pleas for urgent aid were mostly ignored. The country in Western Africa is one of the poorest in the world. It was devastated by an invasion of locusts followed by a severe drought.

NEWS 4 July 20-Wednesday's child is a 15-year -old young lady who has had a lot of disappointments in her life. In spite of that, she has decided that what she really needs more than anything is a family to love, and especially one that will love her back.

NEWS 4 July 20-The panda that was born eleven days ago at The National Zoo is said to be doing well. The cub continues to be under the constant care of its mother, Mei Xiang, who is cradling and nursing it.

NEWS 4 July 21-Judge Roberts' family is now talking about his nomination. His parents and sisters invited the media to come to their home in Ellicott City, Maryland. They did not want to comment on Judge Roberts' childhood or how his religious beliefs might fit into how he would rule on the bench.

NEWS 4 July 21-Anxious family members and friends waited for word from their loved ones in London. One of the men waited for his wife said she was there for the July 7th bombing and he tried to talk her into coming home. She decided to stay and when word came of another potential round of attacks, he was relieved to know she was already in the air.

NEWS 4 July 21-More fallout over the rating change in the top-selling video game, Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas. The game's producer Rockstar games, caved to pressure over explicit sexual content found hidden inside the game.

NEWS 4 July 22-Rayful Edmonds isn't the household name that he used to be in the 1980's. But a local filmmaker is trying to change that. A docu-drama based on the notorious drug dealer's life has become a popular DVD in the District.

NEWS 4 July 22-The parents of a murdered Bowie teenager are speaking out. They're trying to find the killer and trying to warn others about the dangers young women face.

NEWS 4 July 26-The baby panda at the National Zoo is growing and appears healthy. The cub is a lot bigger than now then when it was born.

NEWS 4 July 27-After 40 years at the same job, a beloved swim coach is retiring. Don Adams started at Congressional Country Club in Potomac in 1965, he has taught more than 5-thousand children how to swim.

NEWS 4 July 27-Four adorable children are looking for a family that thinks the bigger the better, Barbara Harrison tells us they've been living apart but hope to be reunited through adoption.

NEWS 4 July 28-16 months ago they were called to active duty in Afghanistan. Today more than 100 members of Virginia's Army National Guard returned to Manassas for a huge welcome home.

NEWS 4 July 28-This may not be much of a surprise to most parents, but if they have a teenaged son or daughter, the likelihood is they are spending a lot of time on-line. New research out, shows nearly 90 percent of youngsters between the ages of 12 and 17 have accessed to the Internet. That's up from 75 percent just five years ago.

NEWS 4 July 28-Camp Med is built to grow future health care workers, more than a dozen Middle School students from Northern Virginia worked on an accident scenario where a pedestrian was hit and injured. Their job involved treating the victims and figuring out who's responsible, the drunk driver or the woman driving while talking on the cell phone. The camp was held at Northern Virginia Community College in Springfield.

NEWS 4 July 29-Final plans to build a 92 million dollar National Slavery Museum in Fredericksburg are underway. The museum is scheduled to open in late 2007 on 38 acres of land.

NEWS 4 July 29-area golfers are hitting the links to help DC students achieve their dreams of College. The Langston Junior Boys and Girls Golf Club gives away scholarship money to needy students every year.

Kids/Family

NEWS 4 August 1-This is the first time fans are getting a look at the 2005 Redskins.

NEWS 4 August 1-The National Zoo is out with new pictures of its most celebrated newborn, the panda cub is now three weeks old and is getting bigger each day.

NEWS 4 August 2-Communities around the area are gearing up for a night of barbeques and neighborhood organization. Prince George's County Officials showcased their event by introducing some of their new crime fighters.

NEWS 4 August 2-The gender of the panda at The National Zoo is a boy. Veterinarians determined that after examining the animal.

NEWS 4 August 3-Wednesday's child does not speak, but she finds ways to show how she feels and she needs a family who will take the time to understand those feelings and help make her life more rewarding.

NEWS 4 August 3-Being a mother is a demanding job in itself, some moms also work outside the home often have it twice as hard. But working moms are searching for new ways to find balance in their lives.

NEWS 4 August 3-They are extraordinarily popular, iPods and other types of digital music players, but some experts warn the use of these devices, these devices could contribute to early hearing loss.

NEWS 4 August 3-We've all used or seen cell phones that snap pictures, hook into the Internet, and play games. But people here in the US may soon be able to use their phones to go shopping or buy movie tickets.

NEWS 4 August 8-They are the fastest growing segment of caregivers in the Nation, baby boomers caring for aging parents and children. They make up a group now known as The Sandwich Generation.

NEWS 4 August 9-There's a progress report on the National Zoo's new panda cub, the little guy is now 31 days old and vets conducted a second medical exam.

NEWS 4 August 10-Wednesday's child is about a nine-year-old girl who loves to try new things, her name is Annika.

NEWS 4 August 10-Many parents struggle with giving their children an allowance, it's not easy to decide when they should get one and how much it should be.

NEWS 4 August 10-If you want to win your true love's heart try giving an extravagant gift that has no resale value, but that is not the opinion of someone who's been on the dating scene. It's the conclusion of a mathematical model created by researchers in London.

NEWS 4 August 11-The Census Bureau is reporting changes in the locations where people are choosing to live in the metro area, experts say the housing market has a lot to do with it.

NEWS 4 August 11-Preparations are underway for one of Northern Virginia's top attractions, the Prince William Fair, the farris wheel is up and roller coasters are in place, it's the biggest country fair in the state with more than 100-thousand people expected to enjoy the festivities.

NEWS 4 August 12-A 3-month -old baby was dropped off at an area firehouse, it happened in Langley Park and the mother is under arrest on a separate charge.

NEWS 4 August 12-There's only one day left to take advantage of a child support amnesty program underway in the District, Maryland and Arlington County, parents with outstanding warrants or court orders against them can come forward with no questions asked and make a good faith effort to get their payments back on track.

NEWS 4 August 15-US Park police say there are some things you can do to keep yourself safe and secure while jogging on trails in the area, carry a cell phone with you and pre program in an emergency number and try not to jog alone. Stay alert to your surroundings and to anyone who may approach you.

NEWS 4 August 17-There are two wonderful brothers looking for a home together and Barbara Harrison brings us this weeks edition of Wednesday's child.

NEWS 4 August 18-We've all heard stories of some pretty smart dogs, but can your dog answer how many engines are in a P-38 plane, well a dog in Colorado named Sheba can tell you and just about anything else you want to know.

NEWS 4 August 18-It could be a hair-raising experience when The Potomac Nationals Baseball Team take the field next week against rival team Salem, the Minor League Baseball Club is based in Woodbridge.

NEWS 4 August 22-Anxious parents walked their little ones to the brand new William W. Hall Elementary School in Capitol Heights, it's a new spacious state of the art building, but many of the moms and dads weren't happy with what they saw. Heavy traffic, the liquor store that needs to change their hours of operation during school hours because it attracts bad attention around the area.

NEWS 4 August 22-In Montgomery County, cameras will be placed on some school buses as part of a new push for bus safety.

NEWS 4 August 22-A baby is in the hospital after being rescued from a burning house, the fire broke out around noon in the 100 block of Atlantic Street in Southeast DC.

NEWS 4 August 23-Officials in Prince George's County have taken steps to correct a dangerous situation for students at a new school, at William Hall Elementary in Capitol Heights many of the children had to walk on streets to get to the new building and some even had to cross a major road without any help.

NEWS 4 August 23-A rocket scientist from the University of Illinois has invented a new way to help children learn to ride a bike, his invention and his teaching technique give children with special needs the ride of their dreams.

NEWS 4 August 24-Montgomery County officials are intensifying their efforts to keep kids out of gangs. The newest element of their strategy involves a gang hotline.

NEWS 4 August 24-We want to tell you about a special person who is now going along on most of our Wednesday's Child tapings, Barbara Harrison reports that a wonderful volunteer is now giving the Wednesday's Children a very special souvenir of their experience.

NEWS 4 August 31-Today we take you to a downtown Fire Station here in Washington to meet this week's Wednesday's children, Barbara Harrison introduces us to siblings Shante and Tayvon.

NEWS 4 August 31-If you're wondering how you can help victims of Katrina we have the answer, from the volunteer Four Phone Bank with tips on how you can get involved.

NEWS 4 September 7-Four legged evacuee's arrived in our town eager for new families to adopt them, we visited some gulf state pets surrendered by their owners, dogs that are calling the Washington animal rescue league home for now.

NEWS 4 September 7-Social workers tell us they try very hard to keep siblings together when they look for adoptive homes, but sometimes it just doesn't work out.

NEWS 4 September 8-Nearly two dozen women staying at the Armory got a much needed break from the turmoil in their lives, the women from New Orleans were treated to a free make-over and a day at the spa.

NEWS 4 September 8-Four elementary school children in Haymarket, Virginia have raised thousands of dollars for the victims of Katrina, the children held a fund raising event over the weekend and got the community involved.

NEWS 4 September 8-The bigwigs at sporting events have luxury boxes. People flying first class have special lounges at the airport. And now injured servicemen and women returning to this country will get the VIP treatment when they come into Andrews Air Force Base.

NEWS 4 September 8-The District Government wants to give the Oak Hill Youth Center a makeover. Oak Hill is in Laurel, but it's the District's juvenile detention center and some Maryland lawmakers have been trying to close it.

NEWS 4 September 9-A company from Colorado is working on building a new city for thousands of displaced gulf coast residents, the temporary city will provide housing, power, and water to people. Workers with the company CH-2M-Hill are scouting out places where they can build; right now a team is in Alabama.

NEWS 4 September 12-More and more people are stepping up to help out those people who lost everything when Katrina hit. A Publishing Company based in Rockville has adopted a family that evacuated from the area.

NEWS 4 September 12-NBC 4 and NBC new Washington have been involved in a fund raising effort to raise money for the victims of hurricane Katrina.

NEWS 4 September 12-There has been a tragic development in the case of a baby girl born to a brain dead mother in Northern Virginia, that baby Susan Anne Catherine Torres died early this morning after emergency surgery.

NEWS 4 September 12-Getting people out of work by Katrina and potential employers in other parts of the country can be a hassle. IJ reports on one high tech company efforts to try to fill dozens of openings with qualified victims of Katrina.

NEWS 4 September 13-The efforts are growing to help hurricane victims get back on their feet, among the latest a one step service center in Montgomery County and a job fair in the District.

NEWS 4 September 14-Wednesday's child needs an adoptive family who understands or is willing to learn about children with lots of challenges.

NEWS 4 September 14-How do you get to Carnegie Hall? It's an old joke, but one that describes 12 year old John Chen's life, he is a gifted pianist a true prodigy, but the constant practice is driving the neighbors crazy and now John and his mother are being evicted.

NEWS 4 September 15-Football players at Spingarn High School are getting a new look, thanks to some area golfers. Some members of the Langston Golf Course have raised money to help the team buy new football uniforms.

NEWS 4 September 15-White cake with Swiss butter cream and a raspberry filling or pumpkin and chocolate chip cake with a twist of sweet spice? That's what folks will be eating at the Today's Show hometown wedding, the wedding starts at 8am in Valley Lee Maryland but the cake making started in Gaithersburg.

NEWS 4 September 16-The Washington Animal Rescue League arrived in Northwest with a second truck load of abandoned pets from New Orleans, now they are getting medical care and attention say they can find a home in our area.

NEWS 4 September 16-Not everyone plans or has a big fancy wedding, some couples are choosing to get married with a purpose in mind. There is a new trend, charity weddings.

NEWS 4 September 16-The District is about to become a friendlier place for dogs, the City Council is expected to pass a bill next week that would establish dog parks in the city. Supporters of the idea say it will give dogs a chance to socialize and roam within a confined area.

NEWS 4 September 19-Two football's greatest rivals will go head to head, the Redskins and the Cowboys. It has been nearly a decade since the Redskins won a game in Dallas but with Mark Brunell at quarterback, the Redskins will try to change a trend that has seen the cowboys win 14 of the last 15 meetings.

NEWS 4 September 19-FMA live began touring in March 2004 and goes all over the country trying to encourage young people to give science and math a chance, there is also resource material online for teachers and teacher scholarships to space camp.

NEWS 4 September 21-Wednesday's child is a young man that has been introduced before and he's still waiting for a family.

NEWS 4 September 21-Women married to sports junkies know what it's like this time of year, there are plenty of football windows out there but a group of women in Philadelphia has banded together and come up with a unique form of entertainment they hope will rival the men.

NEWS 4 September 22-The National Zoo's newest star will soon be making his public debut, zoo officials plan to put the giant panda cub on display in November. No firm date has been set that will depend on the cub's mother Mei Xiang.

NEWS 4 September 28-Wednesday's children are sisters who have been through a lot together, social workers are hoping to find a family soon so the girls can stay together.

NEWS 4 September 29-District resident Antoinette Scott is in an elite club, she's the only female Purple Heart recipient in the history of the DC National Guard.

Violence/Crime

NEWS 4 July 1-Three men have been detained in the disappearance of Alabama teenager Natalee Halloway have been charged with murder.

NEWS 4 July 4-Wireless Accelerated Responder Network is a new tool being used to secure the mall.

NEWS 4 July 4-DC police are looking for witnesses to a drive by shooting that took the life of a teenager from Hilcrest Heights, Maryland, 19 year old Theodore Durbin was shot behind the wheel of a car while celebrating a friends birthday.

NEWS 4 July 4-A new warning to Virginia residents, a recent telephone scam tries to get your bank account information. The state's attorney general says consumers are getting calls from someone pretending to be a Wal-Mart representative.

NEWS 4 July 5-A shooting during a fourth of July celebration at a local Elementary School has claimed the life of a man. DC police are now looking for the killer.

NEWS 4 July 5-Prince William County police have arrested two men in connection with an armed robbery Sunday night, it happened at the corner of Queensdale Drive and Qualey Place in Dale City.

NEWS 4 July 5-Alexandria police are investigating a home invasion and assault that happened this weekend, police say a woman awoke to find a strange man in her bedroom who tried to assault her.

NEWS 4 July 5-The Frederick News Post reports the same plane, a Cessna 172-R had violated restricted airspace on two other occasions.

NEWS 4 July 5-A lady got into her SUV after shopping at a store Friday when a robber popped up from the back seat and put a gun to her head.

NEWS 4 July 6-Neighbors are being held as good Samaritans for fighting off a man police say stabbed a woman in northwest Washington, it happened in the 15 hundred block of Corcoran Street.

NEWS 4 July 6-Police in Prince George's County need help to find a 16-year-old girl from Hyattsville. Myia Wiggins has been missing since she left a family gathering in Stafford Virginia on June 19th, a friend dropped her off at an apartment complex in Laurel, Maryland and she hasn't been seen since.

NEWS 4 July 6-Loudoun County is investigating the shooting death of a woman in her home, investigators believe the victim was killed by her husband who is a United States Marshal.

NEWS 4 July 6-Two reporters are facing jail time for refusing to divulge their sources to a federal grand jury, a judge ordered New York Times reporter Judith Miller to jail after she refused to divulge her source to a grand jury investigating who in the Bush Administration leaked the name of a CIA operative.

NEWS 4 July 6-A woman was grabbed from a bus stop in southeast Washington and dragged into a wooded area and sexually assaulted, police say the suspect was naked at the time and armed with a gun and knife.

NEWS 4 July 7-Four coordinated bombings targeted Central London's Mass Transit System, killing dozens and injuring more and leaving the city stunned.

NEWS 4 July 7-Mayor Anthony Williams is urging people to go on with their everyday lives, the District's police chief says there are plenty of officers to keep the city safe during this time of heightened security.

NEWS 4 July 7-Mike Brooks is a former DC police detective who worked on the FBI terrorism task force, since 911 we have been aware of the vulnerability of our subway system.

NEWS 4 July 7-50 year old Michael Rinehart of Montgomery Village is jailed on charges that he sexually abused a boy, took nude photos of him and placed those pictures on the Internet.

NEWS 4 July 8-London remains on edge after bombings targeted the city's subway and bus systems.

NEWS 4 July 8-A gruesome discovery in Prince George's County, firefighters were called to Yeoman Place in Seat Pleasant for a report of a car fire, after they put the fire out, they opened the trunk of the car and found a body inside.

NEWS 4 July 8-Most bus and subway service resumed in London and people were back at work. Investigators are learning more about the bombs that destroyed three subway cars and a double decker bus.

NEWS 4 July 8-Loundon County investigators say a US Marshal accused of killing his wife waited two days after the incident to call police, 51-year-old John Ludwig is charged with first-degree murder.

NEWS 4 July 8-A teenage boy in Virginia has been charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of his 5-year-old half sister, the little girl died last month after being trapped in a Laundromat washing machine in the small town of Chilhowie.

NEWS 4 July 11-The death toll from Thursday's London attacks continue to climb, now it stands at 52 and is expected to go higher, the State Department reports one American is believed to be among the dead.

NEWS 4 July 11-In the case of Virginia death row inmate Robin Lovitt, he was set to die at nine for a murder he was convicted of committing in Arlington in 1998.

NEWS 4 July 12-Two people are under arrest in connection with an identity theft scheme, which targeted the patrons of a local diner.

NEWS 4 July 12-There have been police raids, an arrest, and new information released about the suspected bombers involved in last week's terrorist attack in London.

NEWS 4 July 12-In Alexandria, police are investigating a series of peeping tom incidents, and now police are concerned that they may be related to some home invasions that happened last week in the same neighborhood.

NEWS 4 July 12-A terrible stench brought police and animal control officials to a home in Mount Vernon, once inside they discovered hundreds of cats, both dead and alive.

NEWS 4 July 13-The FBI is asking for help to identify a man who robbed a bank in Hyattsville. Investigators say the man walked into a Chevy Chase on Belcrest Road on Monday afternoon, the man put on a mask and pulled out a gun.

NEWS 4 July 13-Police say so far this year crime is down in the District and the Chief says some high tech crime talk is helping his officers get the bad guys off the streets.

NEWS 4 July 13-A man with a gun robbed an armored truck guard in Montgomery County, it happened in the Four Corners area of Silver Spring.

NEWS 4 July 13-animal abuse charges have now been filed against doctor Frederick Corder, he's the Public Health Director for Prince George's County.

NEWS 4 July 13-The graffiti has become legendary around the District and on the Internet, but police are hoping they put a stop to Borf's creations.

NEWS 4 July 14-Prince George's County is searching for a new Health Officer, the man who was charged, Doctor Frederick Corder resigned after being charged with animal cruelty. Corder owns land in Anne Arundel County.

NEWS 4 July 14-A second house has been found in Northern Virginia filled with cats, both living and dead. This time the house is in Burke Virginia.

NEWS 4 July 14-Police are looking for a man who entered a home in Manassas and assaulted a woman with a knife, it happened in the 92 hundred block of Acer Lane.

NEWS 4 July 14-US Park Police are asking for help to identify a jogger who was struck and killed by a van.

NEWS 4 July 14-Metro transit officials say they're considering a plan to begin random passenger searches at area train stations.

NEWS 4 July 14-The victim of a horrifying home invasion speaks out for the first time, it happened in Silver Spring, the woman says she hid in the closet in an effort to escape harm.

NEWS 4 July 14-A second home where hundreds of cats were found both living and dead has now been declared uninhabitable. The townhouse is in Burke Virginia and it's owned by the same family whose house in Mount Vernon was declared uninhabitable.

NEWS 4 July 18-Family members are being questioned about the death of a six year old.

NEWS 4 July 18-Two people are dead after a violent morning in Prince George's County. There were at least four attempted robberies and car jackings in an early morning crime spree.

NEWS 4 July 18-A woman from Haymarket, Virginia who's accused of locking her baby in a hot car is free on bail. A judge agreed to let family members post 25-hundred dollars bond for Regina Bailey.

NEWS 4 July 18-The woman accused of keeping hundreds of cats in two homes in Fairfax County was in court. Animal control officers found the cats during raids of homes belonging to 82-year-old Ruth Knueven and her daughter.

NEWS 4 July 18-Someone shot a recent high school graduate in the head in Montgomery County, investigators think the murder started with a drug deal.

NEWS 4 July 19-Police say they hope to have made an arrest in the killing of Don Miguel Wilson. Wilson was found tied up and dead in a bathtub.

NEWS 4 July 19-Three people have been arrested in the death of a teenager in Bethesda. 17-year-old Bijan Nassirdaftari was gunned down Sunday night in what Montgomery County police call a drug-related incident.

NEWS 4 July 19-DonMiguel Wilson was found dead in a southeast apartment building yesterday morning. Investigators say his relatives have cooperated with police, and that family members have not been ruled out as suspects. Wilson's mother has been taken to DC General Hospital, and is under observation in the psychiatric ward.

NEWS 4 July 20-DC police say an arrest is imminent in the murder of a 6-year-old boy who was found tied up in a bathtub. Don Miguel Wilson was found dead Monday in an apartment in southeast DC, the case has officially been ruled a homicide and the medical examiners office says Wilson died from drowning, head trauma and asphyxia.

NEWS 4 July 20-Two suspects in the murder of a Bethesda teen during a drug deal gone bad are in court in the District. The two were arrested on Harvard Place northwest.

NEWS 4 July 20-Investigators in District Heights say an arrest in the assault of a District Heights police officer has helped them crack more than 22 open cases involving stolen cars in Prince George's County.

NEWS 4 July 20-An Assistant Fire Chief in the District, has been arrested and charged with driving under the influence. James Martin was pulled over near Upper Marlboro. He was driving his official vehicle at the time.

NEWS 4 July 20-Police in Stafford County, Virginia are asking the public for help in identifying a robbery suspect. Police say a man entered a Giant Food Store in Stafford County last Thursday afternoon, and stole two wallets from customers' shopping baskets.

NEWS 4 July 20-In the controversy over a popular video game, the game industry has changed the rating on the game Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas. The decision followed intense pressure from Politicians and Media watch groups, after explicit sexual content was discovered in the game.

NEWS 4 July 21-Nobody was killed and only one person was reported injured in the lunch-hour attacks in London, that's compared to 56 people killed last time.

NEWS 4 July 21-Police in Alexandria Virginia are searching for a suspect in an attempted rape on a college campus. The student told investigators she was attacked in a bathroom at Northern Virginia Community College.

NEWS 4 July 21-The attacks struck with unnerving familiarity, they targeted three subway stations and one bus, just like the deadly attacks exactly two weeks ago.

NEWS 4 July 22-London commuters who use the subway are on edge and what happened at one station just added to their anxiety. Plain-clothes police officers chased a man in a thick coat onto a subway car at the Stockwell station. One witness said the man appeared to have what he called a bomb belt and wires.

NEWS 4 July 22-Police in Laurel say they have broken up a burglary ring that targeted residents who were away from home. The daytime burglars struck nearly two dozen times.

NEWS 4 July 22-Virginia is using the cell phone boom to track down people who owe child support. The state's department of social services gave subpoenas to wireless providers, demanding information about 48 elusive parents.

NEWS 4 July 22-There's has been a huge drug bust with local ties. Federal Agents and Virginia State police made some arrests when they seized bricks of heroin and cocaine at an airport in South America.

NEWS 4 July 22-More legal fighting in the Jay Lentz case. He's the former Naval Intelligence Officer accused of murdering his wife.

NEWS 4 July 22-For nearly 20 years Theodore Reed has walked the streets of Maryland. While he was picked up numerous times for petty charges, authorities never knew he was the man who brutally beat, raped and stabbed a woman 20 years ago in Prince George's County.

NEWS 4 July 22-A new effort to stop terrorism is focusing in on cars stolen from America and used for attacks overseas. Police say terrorists have used ports in South Florida to ship cars out of the Country.

NEWS 4 July 25-More arrest in London with connection in last weeks failed bombing attacks on the city's transit system. Five people are now in custody, but investigators are still looking for four men believed to have carried out the attempted attacks.

NEWS 4 July 25-The crime happened in the lobby of an apartment building in Northwest Washington. The suspect was caught on surveillance tape shooting and killing a Mexican immigrant.

NEWS 4 July 25-The woman accused of keeping children in the trunk of her car while she drove from Alabama to Virginia offered no explanation in court.

NEWS 4 July 25-British Prime Minister Tony Blair said he was desperately sorry for the killing of an innocent Brazilian man by British police who thought he was a terrorist.

NEWS 4 July 26-A deadly electrical accident killed four Boy Scout leaders in Virginia. It happened at Fort A-P Hill in Bowling Green as the leaders were setting up a tent.

NEWS 4 July 26-Funeral services were held for a six-year-old boy who was found dead in a bathtub last week. Friends and family came out to the first Rock Baptist Church in Southeast to say good-bye to DonMiguel Wilson. DC Councilman and former Mayor Marion Berry were among hundreds who packed the church.

NEWS 4 July 26-Former US Marshal Arthur Lloyd was scheduled to be sentenced in Rockville for killing a Navy Seaman. But instead, Lloyd added a new lawyer to his defense team.

NEWS 4 July 26-A man is charged with killing a man during a robbery attempt at an apartment building in Northwest Washington. The violent incident was captured on surveillance tape.

NEWS 4 July 26-A woman is charged with child neglect, police say she left her kids in a sweltering van so she could go shopping.

NEWS 4 July 27-A disturbing case of child abandonment is under investigation, after police report finding a four-year-old boy wandering the side of the highway. The child was picked up on the beltway in Fairfax County near the route 29 overpass.

NEWS 4 July 27-Police in Montgomery County are investigating a frightening crime, a man broke into a woman's home in Wheaton and tried to sexually assault her. The incident happened on Pear Tree Court.

NEWS 4 July 27-Police say they have promising leads in the search for two men who stabbed a 21-year -old man to death. Investigators say the victim was stabbed several times in the upper body during an argument.

NEWS 4 July 27-Thousands of Boy Scouts will take part in a memorial service to remember 4 Scout Leaders who died on Monday.

NEWS 4 July 27-The Federal Government says it is happening all too often, elderly Americans are becoming victims of scam artist, but there are steps seniors can take to stay safe and secure.

NEWS 4 July 28-Police are investigating a bank robbery that occurred in Silver Spring. A Bank of America on Georgia Avenue was robbed around 2 pm.

NEWS 4 July 28-Police in Britain raided more homes and arrested nine men that brings to 20, the number of suspects now in custody including one of the alleged bombers in last weeks failed attack.

NEWS 4 July 28-Channoah Green remains in jail in connection with Tuesday's incident, when she let her four year old son on the beltway. Channoah Green was arraigned in Fairfax County's Juvenile Court, police say Green left her child on the beltway in Fairfax County.

NEWS 4 August 1-The crash injured up to 10 people, it happened at the intersection of Rhode Island and Eastern Avenue on the border of Prince George's County and the District.

NEWS 4 August 1-A major Government crackdown on gangs across the county. Federal authorities announced they arrested more than 500 alleged gang members over a two-week period last month.

NEWS 4 August 2-Police in Montgomery County are trying to locate a hit and run driver involved in an accident in Wheaton. Investigators say they have recovered an important clue, they hope will lead them to the driver.

NEWS 4 August 2-A bond hearing will be held for an employee at NIH accused of threatening Florida tax assessors with anthrax.

NEWS 4 August 3-Police in the District are handling a bizarre abduction case. It involves a nun who disappeared from a convent in the 31-hundred block of Wheeler Road in Southeast.

NEWS 4 August 3-The mother of a four-year-old found abandoned on the side of the beltway was back in court. But this time a Judge is trying to determine where the little boy will end up.

NEWS 4 August 3-A 21-year old student who was shot on the University of Maryland Campus is said to be doing well. Police are now looking for suspects.

NEWS 4 August 3-There is an increase in the reward for the Stacey Seaton murder case; she was gunned down near her home in Bowie back in June. Investigators are hoping the money will encourage someone to come forward with the information they need to make an arrest.

NEWS 4 August 4-One man was killed and 3 others wounded when a man with an automatic weapon opened fire on a box truck. It happened near LaSalle Elementary School.

NEWS 4 August 4-Police in the city of Fairfax are investigating an alleged case of animal cruelty, the city had received a number of complaints about smells from a condemned house. Officials found almost a dozen animals inside in poor condition and 2 were dead.

NEWS 4 August 4-A Maryland man has been arrested in connection with the war on terror. Federal Authorities arrested Mahmud Brent in New Jersey.

NEWS 4 August 4-The investigation carried out by police in Howard County convicted 13 sex offenders who are in violation of their registry rules and police don't know where they are.

NEWS 4 August 4-Gang members across the County may be much larger than police first thought. A report from the Justice Department estimates there are about 700 thousand gang members nationwide.

NEWS 4 August 5-Two students are hospitalized after a stabbing at a summer school, and police are now searching for suspects. It happened outside the Springbrook High School in Silver Spring.

NEWS 4 August 5-Police in Fairfax County are investigating their 11th murder of the year. That's one more than all of last year and investigators say in this case, the victim may have been trying to break up a fight.

NEWS 4 August 5-Police in Prince William County are investigating a bank robbery that occurred in Dale City. It happened just after 10:00 at the Bank of America Branch in the 41-hundred block of Dale Boulevard.

NEWS 4 August 5-They're the tasty treat that brings in millions of dollars each year to the Girl Scouts. But for one local troop, the annual cookie sale left a bad taste in their mouth, the trouble began when a scout mother apparently took the dough and ran.

NEWS 4 August 8-Several suspects in last weeks stabbing at Springbrook High School in Montgomery County were in court and police say more arrest in the case are expected.

NEWS 4 August 8-A Metro Transit police officer is charged with rape, his lawyer denies it and questions the victim's credibility. Police say 31-year-old Darren Way arranged to meet with the prostitute then took out his gun and demanded services without paying.

NEWS 4 August 9-A pregnant woman says she was attacked in Arlington by three men who shouted anti-Muslim slurs, and called her a terrorist.

NEWS 4 August 9-There was a two million dollar bond for that mother, 21-year-old Brenda Oliva of New Carrollton, but it was lowered in court. Police say Oliva left her three-year-old daughter alone in a car after having car problems.

NEWS 4 August 10-Police in Howard County are making progress in locating sex offenders who have violated the conditions of their parole. 76 offenders are on the county sex offender registry.

NEWS 4 August 11-Police say a girl was grabbed while walking along Richmond Highway in Lorton and they're looking for possible witnesses to the case.

NEWS 4 August 11-A community group is trying to raise money to bury two men who were stabbed in Prince George's County, 27-year-old Cesar Mayorga is from Guatemala and 28-year-old Anibal Cruz is from Honduras.

NEWS 4 August 11-Orioles first baseman Rafael Palmerio is back from his 10-day suspension for using steroids.

NEWS 4 August 11-Rising crime at the University of Maryland in College Park has a lot of people worried. Last Tuesday, someone robbed a student at knifepoint and last week there was a shooting on the campus.

NEWS 4 August 15-The mother of a six-year-old boy found dead in a bathtub last month is being sent back to Saint Elizabeth's Hospital to undergo more psychiatric evaluation, Julia Barber appeared in DC Superior Court for a hearing.

NEWS 4 August 15-Police are still looking for a suspect in the latest knife attack in Langley Park, police say a man was slashed in the face and his hand was nearly severed.

NEWS 4 August 15-A former substitute teacher in Fairfax County has pleaded guilty to having sex with one of her students, Dana Snyder worked at Luther Jackson Middle School in Falls Church. Last spring she was charged with having numerous counts of having sex with a 14-year-old boy.

NEWS 4 August 16-A warning about a police impersonator after a woman is pulled over and reportedly fondled, it happened in the Calverton area of Prince George's County near Green Mount Avenue and Dunnington Road.

NEWS 4 August 16-Two employees at the Fairfax County Circuit Court have been arrested, the women are behind bars charged with stealing hundreds of dollars from the court.

NEWS 4 August 16-Defense Attorneys for the so called Route 29 stalker in Virginia say there is evidence to exonerate their client, Darrell Rice is charged with abducting a woman back in 1996 in the Dumfries area.

NEWS 4 August 17-A group of seven teens and pre-teens are facing a number of charges after leading police on a wild chase, it started near RFK Stadium and ended a short time later at G and Burns Street in Southeast.

NEWS 4 August 18-A shooting happened in the 27-hundred block of Robinson Place Southeast.

NEWS 4 August 18-In Spotsylvania County a construction worker is in custody after he allegedly beat a 15-year-old girl, the alleged attack happened Tuesday night on Olde Greenwich Drive in Spotsylvania.

NEWS 4 August 18-A psychologist says a mom accused of murdering her young son last month in the District is competent to stand trial, the ruling came in the case of Julia Barber. She is facing charges of felony murder after she allegedly beat and drowned her son Donmiguel Wilson in her apartment July 18th.

NEWS 4 August 18-Montgomery County police are investigating a rash of thefts and acts of vandalism in parts of Germantown, over a two-week period between August 2nd and 13th, someone has broken into 21 cars and trucks and taken items. During this time 14 other vehicles have been vandalized, three homes also have been damaged and five cars have been stolen.

NEWS 4 August 19-Police in Fairfax County are still trying to catch the person responsible for killing a man and then setting his body on fire. Police identified the victim as 55-year-old Hak Bong Kim.

NEWS 4 August 19-Convicted sniper John Allen Muhammad will soon be heading to Maryland, at a hearing in Virginia a Judge ruled that Muhammad can be moved from death row in Virginia to Maryland to face murder charges.

NEWS 4 August 19-DC police spent the day canvassing the neighborhood where a stray bullet claimed a grandmother's life, they were knocking on doors as they search for clues.

NEWS 4 August 22-Opening statement began in the trial of the man accused of being the route 29 stalker, Darrell Rice is on trial in Manassas for another incident. The attack of a woman in Prince William County.

NEWS 4 August 23-New developments in the case of a woman accused of allowing three children to ride in the trunk of her car in Frederick County, 37 year old Lanora Lucas was arrested in June in Thurmont, Maryland, she was supposed to be in court but the appearance was postponed.

NEWS 4 August 25-Police in Manassas are searching for four people involved in a robbery, it happened on Tuesday at the Video Mexico store on Grant Avenue.

NEWS 4 August 26-He killed three workers at a bar in the District and today Rodman Durham learned his punishment. Durham was sentenced to 75 years in prison for the murders of three employees at the Colonel Brooks Tavern in Northeast.

NEWS 4 August 26-In Fairfax County a young man is charged with killing a high school classmate. Police are still investigating to learn what caused the shooting, the alleged killer and his victim both graduated from Bishop O'Connell High School two years ago.

NEWS 4 August 26-An armed robber who's been holding up upscale Hotels in the District has struck again and he may have also committed robberies in Northern Virginia.

NEWS 4 August 29-Police are looking for whoever stabbed a man near a High School in Montgomery County just after students were dismissed for the day, it happened in front of an apartment complex by John F. Kennedy High School.

NEWS 4 August 29-A University of Maryland basketball player was arrested over the weekend after police broke up a fight off campus, Chris McCray is a junior on the team, he was arrested early Sunday morning in the 43 hundred block of Knox road in College Park.

NEWS 4 September 7-Crews spent the day tearing up a marijuana garden at a National Park in Maryland. Someone planted the pot farm in a wooded clearing in Wheaton.

NEWS 4 September 8-Workers continue to restore phone service in many of the areas hit hard by Katrina, some identity thieves are trying to use their phones to steal personal information.

NEWS 4 September 9-The Sheriff in Frederick County is investigating the death of a 5-month-old baby boy, he was left in the family car. Two were sent off on a school bus, one was taken to school, but somehow the youngest was left in the car.

NEWS 4 September 12-The self confessed serial arsonist will never ever walk free, with that in mind a Federal Judge sentenced Thomas Sweatt to life plus 136 years in prison.

NEWS 4 September 13-Police in Montgomery County have released sketches of a suspect they believe may be responsible for at least two sexual assaults this summer. In July a woman was assaulted on Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring after she left the Forest Glen Metro Station.

NEWS 4 September 14-There are still thousands that can not return home and now the FBI is offering it's criminal history database to help local law enforcement agencies screen hurricane victims who are moving into private homes.

NEWS 4 September 14-The Prince George's County police departments are facing an uphill battle, but police Chief Melvin High is convinced his department will make progress and get crime in the county under control.

NEWS 4 September 15-A young man who pleaded guilty to killing a popular waiter in the District received his punishment, a Judge sentenced Kurt Williams to 22 years in prison for the death of Adrian Alstad.

NEWS 4 September 16-A man from Maryland is facing charges for providing materials to a terrorist organization, Ali Asad Chandia was arrested at his apartment in College Park.

NEWS 4 September 16-The cases date back to 1988 and they include the murder of a CIA Employee and two students at George Washington University.

NEWS 4 September 19-A shooting happened over the weekend in the popular Mount Pleasant neighborhood, and police will step up patrols in the area looking for a killer.

NEWS 4 September 19-In Richmond, Virginia police are searching the car belonging to Taylor Behl. Behl has been missing for two weeks.

NEWS 4 September 20-Police in Prince George's County are searching for suspects in the shooting death of an 18-year-old girl, it happened outside the Sunflower Carryout in Hyattsville.

NEWS 4 September 21-In Richmond the investigation into a missing freshman took a new turn, Taylor Behl disappeared more than 2 weeks ago, today police filed unrelated charges against a person questioned in Behl's disappearance.

NEWS 4 September 22-A local bus driver is under arrest and charged with driving drunk while on the job, the driver was arrested while taking children home from the Green Valley Academy in Prince George's County.

NEWS 4 September 22-Maryland has become the 8th state to adopt technology that allows 911 dispatchers to pinpoint the locations of cell phone callers. Governor Ehrlich made the announcement in Frederick. The regulations require the use of GPS technology to pinpoint calls to within a few feet.

NEWS 4 September 23-The photographer linked to the missing VCU student was arrested in Richmond.

NEWS 4 September 26-Police in Fairfax County are investigating an unusual coincidence, two different women awoke to find strange men in their bedrooms, the first incident happened around three in the morning in Fairfax station, the woman woke up and found two men rifling through her jewelry box. About 40 minutes later another woman in Centreville was awoken by a man in her bedroom.

NEWS 4 September 27-There's more about the murder of a 15-year-old girl during a high school football game, Kanisha Neal was stabbed outside Blake High School in Montgomery County last Friday night. Police had originally thought she was also run over with a car, but according to autopsy results released that was not true.

NEWS 4 September 27-For the first time schools Superintendent Jerry Weast is speaking out about the incident, he talked before a meeting with high school principals.

NEWS 4 September 27-The Manassas City School District is putting a new plan into place that spells out how to use information about sex offenders. It also requires school employees to keep their eyes open.

NEWS 4 September 27-Some human bones were found in a bathtub in DC. A man who had just bought the house found the skeleton.

NEWS 4 September 28-In Prince George's County disturbing allegations involving students at Laurel High School. Police have arrested and charged two 14-year-old members of the high school football team for the attempted rape of two 13-year-old classmates.

NEWS 4 September 29-Police in Arlington, Virginia are looking for a gunman who shot and killed a man in Crystal City. It happened on route 1 near south 20th street. Police are asking for help in finding a suspect.

NEWS 4 September 30-A second suspect in the murder of a teenager over a slurpee was sentenced, 18 year old Michael Bassett was beaten and left for dead outside a 7-eleven in Suitland last year, prosecutors said he was beaten after offering to buy a girl a slurpee. 17-year-old Jarrell White was

sentenced to 15 years in prison last month Emmanuel McClain was sentenced to 40 years in prison for the attack.

NEWS 4 September 30-Members of the community gathered to remember the life of Kanisha Neal, they are hoping people will know much more about Kanisha Neal, than just what happened that night.

NEWS 4 September 30-New details in the killing of an Prince George's County High School student outside a carryout restaurant, police say 18 year old Xian Juan Zhen was shot in the head by two men when they tried to rob the restaurant in Hyattsville.

Consumer

NEWS 4 July 1-The District still can't seem to get the Parking Meter Madness right.

NEWS 4 July 7-Washington Gas says it knows what caused hundreds of gas leaks in Prince George's County, one of those leaks blew up a house.

NEWS 4 July 7-There's a recall parents need to know about involving two types of strollers, Graco is recalling its duo tandem and metrolite strollers because they may not latch properly and can cause collapse while in use.

NEWS 4 July 8-A hospital stay can make some patients feel isolated, but new technology at a local hospital is changing that, helping patients feel more connected and better about their health care.

NEWS 4 July 11-The average national cost for a gallon of regular gasoline is two dollars and 29 cents according to AAA.

NEWS 4 July 11-In Fairfax County a new fund dedicated to affordable housing is being tapped for the first time. In the past year across Northern Virginia thousands of apartments have been converted to pricier condos, driving many families out.

NEWS 4 July 11-What America needs is a more honest infomercial and somebody is working on that. Since last summer, 24 different infomercial programs have gone under scrutiny because of questionable advertising claims.

NEWS 4 July 11-Soon there will be more hi-tech choices for cell phone users. The Internet's governing body has approved a new domain similar to dot com and dot org that will make it easier for people to access information on their cell phones.

NEWS 4 July 12-How dangerous is driving while talking on the cell phone? When it comes to driving and safety a new study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety finds drivers using cell phones are four times more likely to have a serious accident than if they weren't using cell phones.

NEWS 4 July 12-According to the Wall Street Journal, Alamo announced it will charge customers credit cards when a reservation is made on Alamo. Com as opposed to when the car is actually picked up.

NEWS 4 July 12-The Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling about nine thousand Pokemon Plush Toys, the problem with these toys is the stuffing in the toy may contain tips of sewing machine needles and that poses a puncture hazard.

NEWS 4 July 14-South Beach Tan Towelette says it gives you a rich dark tan straight from South Beach Florida, and you never have to even step outside.

NEWS 4 July 15-A family owned gas station passed down over fifty years, a Tyson Corner Exxon is celebrating a big birthday and long lines of cars are cashing in at the pumps.

NEWS 4 July 15-You've probably seen the video from what are called point of view cameras. They're very small, attach to things and show us what someone else might be seeing, whether it's the racetrack ahead or the hill we're climbing.

NEWS 4 July 15-A question about medical implants and airport security. Do credit inquiries affect your credit rating, and how many baseballs does the umpire carry with him for a game?

NEWS 4 July 18-The merger between Bank of America and Fleet Bank will affect some online customers. Bank of America bought Fleet last year, now Bank of America is converting accounts from Fleet, which had nearly five million customers.

NEWS 4 July 18-The Centers for Disease Control has recommended two new ingredients as mosquito repellents. Despite all the products that claim to keep you mosquito free, there's really been only one that works. The chemical deet, but now the CDC is recommending two other repellents as safe and effective and this is really big news about a little subject.

NEWS 4 July 19-Montgomery County has a freeze on new building permits for housing developments. The action follows numerous violations discovered in Clarksburg, located in the northern part of Montgomery County.

NEWS 4 July 19-How hot is your car? If you own the 1999 Acura Integra watch out. A new study conducted for the insurance industry says one out of every two hundred registered 1999 Integras were stolen last year.

NEWS 4 July 19-Congress appears close to extending Daylight Savings Time by two months. The proposal is included in an Energy Bill now working its way through Congress.

NEWS 4 July 20-The town of Herndon Virginia is making local history. It's the first jurisdiction in the Mid-Atlantic or northeast to allow the telephone firm Verizon to offer cable service.

NEWS 4 July 20-The price of housing continues to rise, News 4 has been hunting for affordable housing and presenting their finding in a series of special reports.

NEWS 4 July 21-Loudoun County supervisors have endorsed growth controls to curb development in one of the nation's fastest growing countries.

NEWS 4 July 21-Montgomery County has set an example for the country with its program of providing housing to people who can't otherwise afford to live there. But now some County lawmakers are saying the affordable housing program is in danger as some low income units disappear.

NEWS 4 July 21-We've been asking you to email news four about great housing deals you have found in the Washington area for about 300-thousand dollars. Jeff says to check out the Sequoyah Development in Alexandria. He says you can get a two level townhouse with 3 bedrooms and a carport.

NEWS 4 July 21-Summer time and playing is slippery, this year three sprinklers kept the littlest ones giggling. Wigglin Water Snakes, sprays wildly while the kids jump over, the Flower Shower, sprays wacky from all directions, and the Mount Tiki Soki Water Volcano, closes it eyes but when they open he blows his top.

NEWS 4 July 22-Fresh farmers market eggs, when do they expire? What happened to the insulated ice cream bags at grocery stores, and will drinking something after taking cold medicine decrease its effectiveness. Ask Liz.

NEWS 4 July 25-At this time of day, here are three of the most dreaded words a mom can hear, what's for dinner? But a new idea is making that question easier to answer and Liz is serving up a tasty story.

NEWS 4 July 25-The Washington Post reported that the local housing market which has been seen rising prices for the past few years may be slowing down. But the market is still hot if you know where to look.

NEWS 4 July 25-While the housing market may be cooling down; homes are still pretty expensive, although there are some bargains out there. Sue in Germantown is selling her townhouse for 269 thousand.

NEWS 4 July 26-When it comes to clothes shopping, the most frustrating part for most women is trying on countless items in various sizes before finding something that fits. Imagine if there was a machine that could pinpoint your size in a particular brand.

NEWS 4 July 27-News 4 housing hunt tried to find affordable properties in the District and Virginia. Can housing at or below 300-thousand be found in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties?

NEWS 4 July 27-As the hot weather continues to blanket the area and stress power grids, Liz Crenshaw gives some energy saving tips. Liz also has an update to a story on an effort to make infomercials more honest. And Liz also reports on an important product safety recall.

NEWS 4 July 28-Canceled checks, statements, receipts, they're often the cause of stuffed desk drawers and overfull filing cabinets. But knowing which personal paperwork to save, and for how long can be mind-boggling. Liz Crenshaw is here to get our papers in order.

NEWS 4 July 29-Double checking those recent credit card statements is an important way to make sure you don't fall victim to identity theft, it's one of America's fastest growing crimes with a new victim.

NEWS 4 July 29-Lots of businesses are cutting corners to save money. Some Hotel chains such as the Hyatt Marriott are short sheeting their guests in an effort to save cash.

NEWS 4 August 1-A viewer named Mike from Virginia asks an interesting question, do cheap sunglasses claiming ultra-violet protection really protect?

NEWS 4 August 3-If you drive a Honda Mini Van, there's a recall you need to know about. More than 85-thousand Honda Odysseys are being recalled because of a potential problem with their frontal air bag systems.

NEWS 4 August 4-If you speed or run a red light in the District, there are more chances you may get caught. The City is activating 12 more traffic cameras. Five red light cameras will be activated in Northwest.

NEWS 4 August 4-The Internet is full of music, but it's also full of radio stations and other types of programming.

NEWS 4 August 4-Parents are not just anxious to train their babies if they own a puppy they want it trained too. So Purina is offering a program it says will help.

NEWS 4 August 5-It could soon be a lot cheaper to buy Maryland blue crabmeat, seafood processors in the state say demand is dropping for the crabmeat, even though there is plenty of supply. The seafood processors say they don't know why people aren't buying their product, but it could mean lower prices for the people who do.

NEWS 4 August 5-It will now be easier for phone companies to offer high-speed Internet service. Federal regulators eased the Internet service rules for phone companies.

NEWS 4 August 5-Most everyone has heard of the Internet Auction Site eBay and many people use it a lot.

NEWS 4 August 5-A cosmetic procedure that's approved for the face is now being used on other parts of the body to give sagging skin a boost.

NEWS 4 August 8-Forget running from store to store to find the best bargain, there's now a new website to do the searching for you. Cairo dot com has a database of 65 major chain retailers.

NEWS 4 August 9-Gasoline prices are continuing their summer climb and have even set a new record in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

NEWS 4 August 9-A local church in need of repair is getting a new lease on life, thanks to a unique partnership that's bringing changes to the face of downtown Silver Spring.

NEWS 4 August 10-You might call it Internet justice, America Online is giving people a chance to win the goods seized from a spammer. AOL is giving away a 2003 Hummer H2, 20-thousand dollars in gold bars and other items.

NEWS 4 August 12-Gasoline prices around the area have gone up nearly every day this week.

NEWS 4 August 12-We've had a lot of security problems on the Internet recently and Verizon Wireless had one with its system to let people manage their accounts online.

NEWS 4 August 12-TiVo is getting in on the action of trying to web the Internet to television. The digital recording company will soon have customers download TV shows to their boxes via the Internet, and they would be able to get the show even before it airs.

NEWS 4 August 12-Looking for some new places to dine this weekend? Zagat's survey is out with its 2006 restaurant guide for the Washington and Baltimore areas.

NEWS 4 August 15-New highs are in our area for the price of a gallon of gasoline, premium gas is over three dollars in some parts of town.

NEWS 4 August 15-Stamp collectors and vintage car collectors can soon share their passions this weekend, on Saturday the US Postal Service will begin selling a series of first class stamps called America on the Move, fifties sporty cars.

NEWS 4 August 15-New video game titles are typically holiday fare for December, but the video game industry thinks summertime is the right time for new titles.

NEWS 4 August 15-We've seen this problem here in our area, developers wresting away land that is considered precious to community members, a similar battle is brewing on the northern most outer banks in North Carolina in the town of Corolla.

NEWS 4 August 16-Free credit reports have become a big business, that's because the Federal Trade Commission says they're anything but free, it's taking action against companies that are raking millions of dollars at the expense of unsuspecting consumers.

NEWS 4 August 16-Fuel costs are forcing school lunch prices to go up as well as affecting the bus system.

NEWS 4 August 16-A quick and easy way to end all those unwanted credit card offers you get in the mail, also reports on a new food safety campaign to keep your family safe during back yard barbeques, and some product safety recalls.

NEWS 4 August 17-In recent days you've probably noticed some big price fluctuations at the pumps, in one Arlington neighborhood the differences can be quite large and the competition can add up to big savings.

NEWS 4 August 17-An Internet worm has been causing problems the last few days, hitting the New York Times, CNN and others.

NEWS 4 August 17-The United States has asked the agency that regulates the Internet to postpone the so called xxx domain, saying the Commerce Department has received nearly six thousand letters and emails of complaints from concerned people.

NEWS 4 August 17-Many teenagers don't leave home without a cell phone and soon x-rated video may be able to follow them wherever they go.

NEWS 4 August 18-The Flyboy records and plays back video and has a hard drive to store pictures and music and the price is lower than the other guys. The Fly boy is a portable Media Center, a 20 gigabyte hard drive and 3.5 inch LCD screen, it can store up to 100,000 digital pictures, 40 hours of vides or 6,000 songs.

NEWS 4 August 18-Watermelon may be the perfect food on a hot summer day, but lugging a 20 or 30 pound watermelon home can be a load. This is how the majority of consumers buy watermelon at the grocery store, in a size and weight that can make a grown man moan and this is how watermelon growers think you may buy watermelon, in a size that's personal.

NEWS 4 August 19-The digital needs have changed for college students, retailers are busy handling the back to school crowd, laptop sales are way up, out selling desktops and from a year ago prices are way down, less than 600 dollars for models that will still pass college standards.

NEWS 4 August 19-Which protects you better from the summer sun, light or dark colored clothing, how do you keep ice cream from getting freezer burn and cleaning 100% cotton fabrics, Liz is going to clean up your questions.

NEWS 4 August 19-For the fifth straight day gas prices have reached record highs across the region, since last Friday prices have jumped nearly a quarter a gallon in the metro area. Gas prices in the region are about seven cents higher than the national average.

NEWS 4 August 22-A semester's trip to the campus bookstore can mean sticker shock for many college students, in fact according to a new Government report the average student spends nine hundred dollars on textbooks and supplies.

NEWS 4 August 23-There are water woes in two parts of Washington, a leaking pipe has flooded some property in southwest and water main repairs are going on in northwest. In southwest at 1st and Q streets there's a problem with a pipe on the property of a business, water leaked from a pipe ran under a nearby home and filled up a crawlspace and now water is pouring out the house like a small fountain.

NEWS 4 August 23-Scheduled repairs to some water mains in northwest Washington are affecting traffic and water pressure, the work is being done at two big intersections, Georgia and Missouri Avenues and 16th street and Military road.

NEWS 4 August 23-The cost of gasoline is hitting record levels as it continues to rise around the country, some parts of our region are already seeing gas at or near \$3.00 a gallon and they could get higher by the labor day holiday.

NEWS 4 August 23-HDTV sales are up quite a bit, the consumer electronics association says dealer to retailer sales are up 45 percent over the same period last year, and the average set price has dropped about 200 dollars making sets a little more affordable.

NEWS 4 August 23-A consumer warning, don't get suckered by the offer of free credit reports. What cities score first when it comes to stolen cars? Liz has a top ten list of dubious distinction and a milestone for the National Do Not Call Registry, 100 million just say no to telemarketers.

NEWS 4 August 24-The Mirant Corporation power plant in Alexandria will close at midnight, that word came in from Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality, the plant was under a deadline to come up with a cleanup plan.

NEWS 4 August 24-The Internet is virtual but it can be a dangerous place for kids if they don't know some basic safety rules, it's a lot like the real world don't give out your personal information, but just telling kids that doesn't always get through. That's where NetSmartz comes in crafting a message kids understand.

NEWS 4 August 25-Digital Cameras are hot and there seems to be two big growth areas, the point and shoot cameras for everybody and the single lens reflex cameras that camera buffs have used for years.

NEWS 4 August 25-Shopping for school supplies is a chore that can take a big bite out of your budget, so once again this year we decided to comparison shop a market basket of school supplies to find out if shopping around can help you save.

NEWS 4 August 25-General Motors was the first of the big three to do it and now the auto maker is extending it's Employee Discount Program, GM started giving employee discounts to all consumers back in June, sales shot up 41 percent that month; Ford and Daimler Chrysler followed suit in July.

NEWS 4 August 26-One company called Kidz Online shows how they teach kids to use the Internet and other high tech things like geospatial technology.

NEWS 4 August 29-When it comes to dorm room décor retailers have moved beyond the boring milk crates and basic floor lamps. Dorm decorating is big business, almost every major retailer has a must have list of essentials, but do students really need all that stuff?

NEWS 4 August 29-A studio executive suggest there could be a day when a movie is released on DVD while it's still in the theaters, right now there's a four-month gap between theater opening and DVD release.

NEWS 4 August 30-Katrina also disrupted the world's oil supply as she ripped through refineries in the Gulf of Mexico. President Bush responded by signaling that he's willing to tap into the nation's crude oil stockpile if necessary.

NEWS 4 August 30-A major automotive recall targets 800 thousand vehicles. Cell phone privacy, a consumer group says protecting cell phone data it is just as important as protecting financial information. Bogus bracelets, a series of arrests attempts to put a stop to Lance Armstrong Live-Strong imitators, and phony diplomas how one state is targeting holders of bogus degrees.

NEWS 4 August 31-In the aftermath of Katrina, the Bush Administration agreed to release oil from emergency stockpiles, the administration also moved to temporarily ease some pollution standards on gasoline and diesel fuel, to avert shortages.

NEWS 4 August 31-If it seems like gas prices have jumped overnight you're right they have. The wake of Katrina left on oil refineries in the Gulf is sending already record high prices to new levels.

NEWS 4 August 31-Communications we don't think much about them until they go down, and right now thousands of people are trying to find out if their friends and relatives are okay in the wake of Katrina.

NEWS 4 September 1-gas is not the only painfully expensive in the wake of Katrina, but in parts of the country there is no gas to be had. Some stations in Atlanta, parts of North Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Arizona have shut down their pumps because they've temporarily run out of gas.

NEWS 4 September 1-We've already seen the effects of hurricane Katrina at the gas pumps. Prices for regular gas are well over three dollars a gallon at many stations in the area.

NEWS 4 September 1-Thousands and thousands of people along the Gulf Coast have mortgages that need to be paid yet for many of them their homes are gone. According to the Mortgage Bankers' Associations early estimates show there are at least 360 thousand mortgages in the affected areas of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

NEWS 4 September 1-Your credit report is your financial resume and mistakes in it can cost you thousands of dollars in higher finance charges affect where you live even hinder your employment.

NEWS 4 September 2-As the Labor Day weekend travel gets underway, gas prices are reaching record levels in the area. Those skyrocketing prices are also generating long lines at some gas stations and concerns all around the region.

NEWS 4 September 2-How can you improve your gas mileage? Will homeowner's insurance rates rise because of the losses on the Gulf Coast? And a question about hurricane Katrina donation scams.

NEWS 4 September 5-Gas prices around the area were once again on the rise this Labor Day weekend, AAA says that prices at the pump rose an average of 34 cents a gallon in the DC metropolitan region.

NEWS 4 September 7-There is a recall of close to 4 million pickup trucks and SUV's because the engines can catch fire; this is the fifth largest auto industry recall in US history. Ford Motor Company announced the recall for Ford's popular F-150 pickup truck, the Ford Expedition, Lincoln Navigator and Ford Broncos. The potential problem is the cruise control switch; Ford says it is suspected in causing engine fires.

NEWS 4 September 7-Apple, Cingular and Motorola have teamed up to come up with the ROKR (rocker) phone, and kids will probably want one. It will store up to 100 songs from the iTunes library on your computer.

NEWS 4 September 7-If you're looking for a bargain on gas, the District isn't the place to shop. AAA reports the city is now the most expensive place in the country to buy gas.

NEWS 4 September 7-President Bush is calling for energy conservation in the wake of hurricane Katrina, federal agencies are on notice to increase the use of telework, carpooling and public transportation.

NEWS 4 September 8-The damaging effects of hurricane Katrina could be felt across the country for many more months to come. Energy prices are expected to continue to rise as we head into the winter.

NEWS 4 September 8-Rising gas prices are forcing people to take a hard look at their budgets. With no relief at the pump in sight, they're finding creative ways to save money.

NEWS 4 September 8-How many foods have you purchased at the supermarket that made you smile? Well McCain says it's going to do exactly that with its potato product.

NEWS 4 September 9-With gas prices at record levels, Maryland Governor Bob Ehrlich says enough is enough, he believes prices are artificially high and wants to know why. Ehrlich met with oil company executives in Annapolis and held what he called a blunt meeting with them.

NEWS 4 September 9-The cost of a cab is going up again, the spike in gas prices has forced the DC taxicab commission to reinstate a fare surcharge and it's more than you've ever paid before.

NEWS 4 September 12-A look at Los Angeles where traffic is snarled and an unknown number of homes and businesses are without power. The cause of the blackout is not known, but LA police say they do not suspect terrorism.

NEWS 4 September 12-The next generation in grills is here at least that's what the infomercial for the Q-Grill says. But does the Q-Grill really put the power of a big grill into an easy to use size? Does it really do that?

NEWS 4 September 12-Leaders in Montgomery County are adding their voices to those calling for a state investigation into the spike in gas prices across Maryland. County Executive Doug Duncan and Council President Tom Perez say consumers need to be protected against price gouging and they want the state to enact legislation to prohibit price gouging during a state of emergency.

NEWS 4 September 12-Viewers are continuing to call in about cheap gas prices they've found around the area, one viewer says a Wa-wa on route 301 in Bowie is selling gas for under three bucks a gallon.

NEWS 4 September 13-Maryland's painful gas prices are fueling discussion in Annapolis, the state's gas prices are the third highest in the country and Maryland's Attorney General is pushing to make it illegal for stations to gouge customers.

NEWS 4 September 13-Fast food and exercise, McDonald's says it's a good mix and Liz Crenshaw has the details.

NEWS 4 September 14-The income needed to just get by in the Washington area has skyrocketed over the past six years, a new study by a University of Washington Sociologist for a local women's group shows that rising costs of housing, health care, and child care are to blame.

NEWS 4 September 14-What a difference a week makes, gas prices are falling across the country and in our area. Nationally unleaded regular gas is now 2.94 a gallon. Last week when gas was at a record high, the price was 3.06 a gallon.

NEWS 4 September 15-Some of the health problems in the Gulf Region are being found because of the help of satellites, the eyes in the sky are also helping to put communications in the region back together.

NEWS 4 September 15-Liz Crenshaw often looks at consumer products to find out how well they actually do what they promise, so what happens when two students take on the same challenge? Well you get an experiment worthy of a Liz Crenshaw consumer story.

NEWS 4 September 16-There are plenty of other advances in robotics and some of those were on display here in the Nation's Capital. Robots are fascinating, they are the stuff of science fiction of industry and our future, there were a wide variety of robots at the National Science Foundation in the wake of a report that suggests we're dropping behind other countries in robotics.

NEWS 4 September 16-Good news for a major airline in our area, US airways may be emerging from its chapter eleven protection. A bankruptcy Judge in Alexandria cleared the way from the airlines planned merger with American West.

NEWS 4 September 16-Does elephant garlic have the same nutritional value as regular garlic? Are you really not supposed to wash a cast iron pan? And why do the washing machine instructions say turn clothes inside out first?

NEWS 4 September 19-After weeks of skyrocketing prices at the pump over the weekend gas prices dropped around the region.

NEWS 4 September 19-Online grocery shopping is becoming more and more popular in our area and Safeway is hoping to cash in on that interest. Safeway is now promoting its online shopping and delivery service.

NEWS 4 September 19-Verizon is being blamed for more gas leaks and Comcast cable cuts as it's contractors lay miles of fiber optic cable in our area. The communications company has scores of homeowners worried because of hundreds of outages.

NEWS 4 September 19-It's often-called America's number one hobby but is all that glitters gold or fool's gold when it comes to coin collecting? Some companies are cashing in on consumer confusion when it comes to buying collectible coins. The United States Mint is the agency that ensures there are plenty of coins in circulation and it protects the Nation's silver and gold assets, it also wants to protect consumers from coin marketers who are making a mint tricking consumers.

NEWS 4 September 19-If you're curious or confused about whether a product you've seen advertised is really a United States Mint product or if you want more information on learning about coins go to nbc4.com, click on consumer and then consumer links. A warning from the non-profit Insurance Institute for highway safety about head restraints in minivans. The Institute says its latest series of tests show that head restraints in most current minivan models won't provide adequate protection from whiplash injuries for many people in rear end collisions.

NEWS 4 September 19-These days people are shying away from buying gas guzzling cars and SUV's, well one man from Wilkes Barre Pennsylvania took matters into his own hands. Gene Wright built his own car and his handiwork is paying off big time at the pump.

NEWS 4 September 20-Leading Democrats are hoping they can do something to control what is expected to be a major spike in heating fuel costs this winter. The Energy Department announced that natural gas prices could jump as high as 70 percent this winter in some parts of the country.

NEWS 4 September 20-Consumers do not understand credit scores and how they can hurt them financially. Also how to help Katrina victims without spending any cash, and what are the safest cars for your teenagers to drive?

NEWS 4 September 21-Many retailers say the fall selling season hasn't kicked in, partly because of hot weather, high gasoline prices, and the ripple effects of hurricane Katrina.

NEWS 4 September 21-As Rita moves closer, people in Texas aren't the only ones worried about the storm and the damage it might inflict. Folks in New Orleans also are on edge, if Rita veers slightly to the north the city could be dealing with a Katrina like storm all over again.

NEWS 4 September 22-The price of gas could skyrocket again, if Hurricane Rita damages refineries in Texas. Some oil companies are taking no chances; they began closing some of their plants that could be in the storm's path.

NEWS 4 September 22-If you watch people take digital pictures, most of them use the LCD screen on the back. That's not easy in bright sunlight. Olympus has a new camera that helps and the folks at Corel are packing a lot of features into photo software to make fixing those photos a lot easier.

NEWS 4 September 23-What if an emergency happened in this area? Are regional officials prepared for a mass evacuation or would we be looking at massive traffic backups instead?

NEWS 4 September 26-Grammy award winner and Virginia native D'Angelo is recovering after being critically injured in a car accident outside Richmond, Richmond police say 31 year old D'Angelo whose real name is Michael Archer was in a Hummer SUV when it crossed the road and slammed into a fence.

NEWS 4 September 26-The controversial video game Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas is making a comeback, it is expected to return to store shelves in October, two months after hidden sex scenes were found in the video game. The game's rating was changed from M for mature to adults only when the sex scenes were discovered and that hurt game sales.

NEWS 4 September 26-Here's a quick quiz to help keep your family both healthy and well fed, it comes from the US Food and Drug Administration. So think you know how to keep your family safe from food-borne bacteria?

NEWS 4 September 26-Cable service in Fairfax County may soon become more competitive, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is holding a public hearing on a proposal that would allow Verizon to begin providing cable service to residents.

NEWS 4 September 27-Free gas is a bargain that some hope you would pay for, Liz Crenshaw reports on the latest way to sweeten a car deal. Plus buyer beware flooded cars from Louisiana are ending up on the used car market, and the cost of digital photos continues to go in one direction, down, down, down.

NEWS 4 September 27-Here's a question car buyers may hear, can I offer you some free gas with that new car? As gas prices rise more and more car dealers are offering free gas to sweeten up the car deal, the offers may cover the cost of gas for several thousand miles of driving or may give buyers prepaid debit cards to cover gas purchases.

NEWS 4 September 27-A buyer beware warning for consumers shopping for used cars, USA Today reports that damaged cars from hurricane Katrina are now showing up on used lots. The hurricane

buried thousands of cars, trucks and buses under flooded water. But unscrupulous sellers are now buying them cheaply from salvage yards, cleaning them up, and selling them to unsuspecting buyers.

NEWS 4 September 27-The Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling about 45 thousand Stanley Vacuum bottles, the problem is the handle on the bottle can break releasing charcoal-powder insulation into the air, which is an inhalation hazard for consumers. There are 654 reports of this happening.

NEWS 4 September 27-The cost of developing digital photos has hit a new low, The Wall Street Journal reports the price cuts come as more consumers switch to digital photography. That has created a huge competition amongst companies trying to capture the digital developing market.

NEWS 4 September 28-It will cost more to heat your home this winter, especially if you use natural gas, that's the prediction from the Natural Gas supply association.

NEWS 4 September 28-Tyson's Corner is getting ready to unveil a huge shopping expansion, Friday is opening day but the buzz has been building for almost two years.

NEWS 4 September 30-Lots of shoppers will be flocking to Tyson's Corner to check out the new expanded section of the mall.

NEWS 4 September 30-It's becoming a growing trend, local jurisdictions charging fees for ambulance rides. Ambulance fees are already in effect in Fairfax, Arlington, and Alexandria, and Spotsylvania County is about to join that list.

NEWS 4 September 30-Some cool stuff on Digital Edge, something special you can do with digital photos and a camera that lets you email pictures without a computer.

NEWS 4 September 30-Has the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety performed crash tests on hybrid vehicles? Why doesn't your credit score appear on your credit report? And a question about plastic hotel key cards

Politics

NEWS 4 July 1-Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is retiring and the fight over who will replace her has begun.

NEWS 4 July 1-Who might President Bush pick to replace O'Connor, some names are emerging, They include Samuel Alito, a federal appeals judge in Philadelphia, newly appointed appeals judge Janice Rogers Brown, Emilio Garza, a federal appeals court judge in New Orleans and current Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez.

NEWS 4 July 4-President Bush is spending Fourth of July visiting the University of West Virginia in Morgantown. The President told the crowd of supporters the ideals of American democracy still ring true today as they did in 1776.

NEWS 4 July 5-Clarksburg is still mostly farmland and older houses. But a building boom is taking place with large single-family homes and townhouses that can cost upwards of 600 thousand dollars.

NEWS 4 July 6-Leaders from Northern Virginia are getting set to battle to try to keep Defense Department jobs from leaving the region.

NEWS 4 July 8-Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson is taking steps to help the families of police officers killed in the line of duty.

NEWS 4 July 8-Maryland lawmakers are criticizing plans to move an intelligence agency and a National Guard unit out of state.

NEWS 4 July 11-President Bush says the United States is standing shoulder to shoulder with Britain as it deals with its own terrorist attacks.

NEWS 4 July 11-Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen says he won't run for the US Senate next year. Van Hollen says he will run for a third term in the House instead.

NEWS 4 July 12-Democrats say if Rove was involved in the leak of the CIA agents identity he could be fired.

NEWS 4 July 15-After spending two days in the hospital, Chief Justice William Rehnquist has spelled out his plans for the future and gone back to work.

NEWS 4 July 15-Maryland's Lieutenant Governor Michael Steele finds himself in the middle of a national debate. He's considering a run for the US Senate.

NEWS 4 July 19-The country is about to find out whom President Bush has picked to replace Sandra Day O'Connor on the Supreme Court. The President is scheduled to make a televised announcement at 9:00 pm.

NEWS 4 July 20-President Bush is urging the Senate to quickly proceed with the confirmation process for John Roberts. If confirmed, Roberts will replace Sandra Day O'Connor on the Supreme Court.

NEWS 4 July 20-Roberts has ruled on one case that's familiar to people. Last fall, he and two other Federal Appeals Court Judges upheld the arrest of a 12-year-old girl for eating a French fry in a Metro Station.

NEWS 4 July 25-The governor's race in Virginia is shaping up to be a neck and neck affair. With the election just four months away, a new poll out shows the race is a dead heat. The Manson Dixon poll shows Democrat Tim Kaine leading Republican Jerry Kilgore 38 to 37 percent.

NEWS 4 July 26-Virginia Governor Mark Warner is weighing in on John Roberts, President Bush's nominee for the Supreme Court. Warner appeared on WTOP radio.

NEWS 4 July 26-A former slum property in Southeast Washington is now a sprawling development of hundreds of new town homes. District Mayor Anthony Williams led the new housing celebration.

NEWS 4 July 27-Accusations of immigrant discrimination flew at a protest in Silver Spring. Casa de Maryland officials and roughly two-dozen tenants in the Langley Park Community rallied against deplorable living conditions in many apartments.

NEWS 4 July 28-Tracking mistakes, Legislation now heading to President Bush's desk would create a national database for reporting and analyzing medical errors. It's estimated that more than 250 Americans die every day from mistakes that could be prevented.

NEWS 4 July 28-Despite Congressional efforts over the years to make changes, the United States remains one of just a handful of countries around the world that does not provide paid leave to new mothers.

NEWS 4 July 29-The backers of an initiative to put Video Lottery Casinos on the ballot in Washington DC are facing a hefty fine, the group wanted to build a Video Lottery Casino in Northeast Washington. They circulated a petition to get voters to put the idea on the ballot.

NEWS 4 July 29-v An about face for Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist on the issue of stem cell research. In a surprise announcement on the Senate floor, Frist says he's changed his mind and now supports a House Bill that would loosen Federal restrictions on stem cell research.

NEWS 4 July 29-Parents in trouble with the law for not keeping up with child support payments are being given a break if they take advantage of it. The District in cooperation with Maryland and Virginia is offering amnesty to dead beat moms and dads.

NEWS 4 August 1-Maryland Governor Bob Ehrlich is hoping a new program will help steer children from drugs and crime. The Maryland campaign is modeled after a similar program launched in San Diego six years ago.

NEWS 4 August 1-Supporters of the Broadlands Medical Center say the extra medical space is desperately needed. Opponents say this is just too close to residential areas.

NEWS 4 August 1-You'll soon be able to mail things on your way home from work, even if you don't get out a 5. That's because 8 area Post Offices will be open as late as 8 pm.

NEWS 4 August 1-There's a hearing on plans for a new day laborer site in Herndon, supporters say it will end the daily crunch at a local convenience store.

NEWS 4 August 2-On the day after the baseball suspension of Orioles first baseman Rafael Palmeiro for alleged steroid use, some strong words from Virginia Congressman Jim Moran.

NEWS 4 August 3-Another public hearing will be held in Herndon to discuss plans to build a shelter where day laborers can wait for work.

NEWS 4 August 4-Some District Leaders are expressing outrage over a Congressional proposal to rename 16th Street Northwest Ronald Reagan Boulevard. Texas Congressman Henry Bonilla introduced the bill right before the summer recess.

NEWS 4 August 5-For the second time in less than a month, Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist has been taken to the hospital. The Chief of Justice was treated for a fever at the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington.

NEWS 4 August 5-A Congressional proposal to rename one of DC's main streets in honor of former President Ronald Reagan appears to be going nowhere.

NEWS 4 August 5-Sixty years ago the course of history changed with the push of a button. The Enola Gay dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. The city will mark this dark Anniversary in its history with moments of silence and call for an end to nuclear arms.

NEWS 4 August 5-The founder of a Christian Ministry is being criticized for comments he made regarding stem cell research. James Dobson of Focus on the Family compared the ethics of embryonic stem cell research to Nazi experiments on Holocaust victims.

NEWS 4 August 8-The District Government is looking for your advice on what a new baseball stadium should look like. The city is busy acquiring land for the new stadium and has hired an architectural firm to design the replacement for RFK; its proposals are not due until the end of the year.

NEWS 4 August 10-A federal appeals court has upheld a Virginia law requiring public school officials to lead a daily Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, the case was brought by Edward Myers, a father of three in Sterling Virginia.

NEWS 4 August 10-A report released finds that the District isn't doing enough to fight the spread of HIV and AIDS. The study notes that the annual rate of new AIDS cases in the District is more than 10 times the national average.

NEWS 4 August 11-The National Arboretum is more than 400 acres of gardens, plants and flowers in northeast Washington, some call it a national jewel but a part of the jewel had become tarnished over the years, so a team of volunteers, city employees and arboretum staff set out to clean up and bring back its luster.

NEWS 4 August 15-The Federal budget deficit for the current fiscal year is projected to drop to 331 billion dollars. That's about 20 percent lower than last year's record amount of 412 billion dollars.

NEWS 4 August 15-New workplace rules that were supposed to go into effect at the Department of Homeland Security are on hold for now, a federal judge blocked the rules from going forward after she questioned whether they protect union and employee rights.

NEWS 4 August 17-A lot of attention will be focused on Herndon Virginia, the Town Council is scheduled to decide whether to spend 170 thousand dollars of taxpayers money to build an employment center for day laborers.

NEWS 4 August 18-Amid the emotion of this evacuation is a political reality, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon the architect of the Gaza settlements 38 years ago now believe it is crucial to abandon them to ease Israelis security burden and to keep Israel a Jewish State.

NEWS 4 August 23-In two weeks the Pentagon's Base Realignment and closure commission will give its recommendations to President Bush, many communities are doing everything they can to keep their military bases from being closed.

NEWS 4 August 24-The commission reviewing Military Base closing started the first of three days of voting, and there is good news for Maryland. The base realignment and closure commission voted to close a base in New Jersey and move more than 2 thousand jobs to the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

NEWS 4 August 25-Just hours after the Mirant Power Plant in Alexandria is shut down there's a call to reactivate it. The plant was closed after officials failed to agree on pollution clean up with Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality.

NEWS 4 August 26-A team of construction companies has been selected to build the new Washington National Stadium in Southeast. The Stadium is to be built by 2008 along the South Capitol Street Bridge.

NEWS 4 August 29-President Bush is assuring people affected by the hurricane that the Federal Government will help them, he made his remarks while in Arizona to deliver a speech on Medicare, the President is considering releasing some oil from the nation's petroleum reserves to help refiners hurt by the Hurricane Katrina.

NEWS 4 August 30-The President meanwhile is cutting short his summer vacation to return to Washington after being briefed on the devastation, he's also urging patience for those who want to return home.

NEWS 4 August 30-In Virginia, Democratic Governor Mark Warner just made it official, he will not challenge GOP Senator George Allen next year. Political junkies were hoping for a face off between two of the state's most popular politicians had their hopes dashed. Mark Warner says he can't afford to shift his focus from his work as Governor.

NEWS 4 August 31-President Bush is about to address the nation about the damage and relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

NEWS 4 September 1-President Bush is asking his father and former President Clinton to lead private relief efforts. He addressed the nation earlier appealing to citizens and business owners to come together in the face of this great tragedy.

NEWS 4 September 2-Many people, including President Bush say the help should have come sooner, the President visited the hurricane disaster zone for the first time, he arrived in Mobile and met with the Governors of Alabama and Mississippi.

NEWS 4 September 2-The Federal Government's response to hurricane Katrina, that's the reaction from some members of the Congressional Black Caucus, at a news conference in northwest Washington, a number of caucus members lashed out at President Bush and FEMA.

NEWS 4 September 5-President Bush named John Roberts as his nominee for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Roberts was originally chosen to replace the retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, but with the death Saturday of Chief Justice William Rehnquist, the President tapped Roberts for the top job.

NEWS 4 September 5-The President said he will nominate a replacement for Justice O'Connor in a timely manner.

NEWS 4 September 6-President Bush says he will ask Congress to approve 40 billion dollars in aid to help with the recovery efforts from hurricane Katrina. The President promised his administration will investigate what the Federal Government did right and what it did wrong.

NEWS 4 September 6-Senate leaders announced confirmation hearings on John Roberts' nomination to become the next Chief Justice will begin on Monday. Hearings for Roberts were supposed to begin when President Bush initially selected him to replace the retiring Sandra Day O'Connor.

NEWS 4 September 7-Veteran Council Linda Cropp joined a crowd of supporters as she filed her formal paper to run for Mayor in the September 2006 election. Cropp also walked along U Street in one of the cities rapidly re developing neighborhoods.

NEWS 4 September 8-More help is on the way to storm victims, the House passed an aid package totaling nearly 52 billion dollars. The Senate is expected to take up the measure later.

NEWS 4 September 8-In Frederick Maryland the Democratic primary for Mayor has turned into a bitter battle, the Mayor is being challenged by a former supporter and allegations of a past scandal have been revived.

NEWS 4 September 12-Just days after being sent home from the Gulf Region FEMA director Mike Brown has resigned, saying its in the best interest of all involved, some would say Browns

resignation is a sign of progress as New Orleans and the Gulf states struggle to recover from nature's blow.

NEWS 4 September 13-The confirmation hearing for Chief Justice nominee John Roberts is now in its second day, throughout the day Committee members have sparred with Roberts on a host of legal issues including Civil Rights, voting rights, and abortion.

NEWS 4 September 14-The Federal Government response to hurricane Katrina has unnerved local leaders who are wondering whether they can count on the Federal Government if an emergency strikes here.

NEWS 4 September 14-A San Francisco Federal Judge ruled against the pledge of allegiance, he said it's unconstitutional for public school children to recite the pledge because it contains the words under God.

NEWS 4 September 15-On Capitol Hill the House and Senate each passed tax cut bills aimed at helping the victims of hurricane Katrina, the tax cuts are designed to give people affected by the hurricane easier access to their retirement savings and to encourage charitable giving.

NEWS 4 September 16-President Bush led the country in a national prayer and remembrance for the victims of hurricane Katrina, the service was held at the National Cathedral.

NEWS 4 September 21-Maryland's Lieutenant Governor is at the center of an FBI investigation, agents are trying to figure out how two employees of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee got a hold of Michael Steele's credit report.

NEWS 4 September 22-The Defense Department is pitching in to help with Rita, the Pentagon will send 5 communications teams to the region. The teams will be equipped with satellite radios and satellite phones to help keep up communication once the storm hits.

NEWS 4 September 22-Support is growing in the District to make the city smoke free, DC council member Vincent Orange say they will back a bill that would restrict smoking in offices, restaurants and bars.

NEWS 4 September 23-President Bush is keeping a close eye on the situation after being burned by criticism in the wake of hurricane Katrina, Mr. Bush visited FEMA Headquarters in DC where he received a briefing from the National Hurricane Center.

NEWS 4 September 23-Thousands of anti-war protesters are descending on Washington, among them was Cindy Sheehan, the mother who camped outside President Bush's ranch in Texas.

NEWS 4 September 26-Another anti-war protest in Washington, this time demonstrators rallied in front of the White House. Cindy Sheehan whose son was killed in Iraq and who has led the anti-war movement since the summer was arrested when she refused police orders to move after she sat down on the sidewalk on Pennsylvania Avenue.

NEWS 4 September 27-A major developer in the District was indicted on conspiracy charges, prosecutors say he bribed a former DC official to earn millions in leasing arrangements with the city government. Developer Douglas Jemal, his son Norman Jemal and partner Blake Esherick face 40 years in prison if convicted.

NEWS 4 September 27-Another legal twist in the District's battle to stop trains carrying toxic chemicals from entering the city, a judge has ordered the Federal Government to turn over documents to the District that outline a secret plan to protect the city from a chemical attack.

NEWS 4 September 27-President Bush got a firsthand look at the damage caused by hurricane Rita over the weekend, Mr. Bush took a helicopter tour over damaged communities along the Texas and Louisiana border where Rita blew ashore.

NEWS 4 September 27-Former Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown was grilled on Capitol Hill about the Federal Government's response to hurricane Katrina.

NEWS 4 September 27-Democrats chose not to participate in the hearing, they've called instead for an independent commission to investigate what went wrong with the Government's response to Katrina.

NEWS 4 September 27-The name change won't become official until Saturday, but Maryland Governor Bob Ehrlich joined other state leaders to unveil a new logo for Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

NEWS 4 September 27-The Federal Trade Commission is investigating allegations of price gouging at the pump, but for some lawmakers that's not enough. Three Democratic Senators called on the Senate Commerce Committee to investigate complaints of gas price gouging.

NEWS 4 September 27-DC leaders are investigating possible price gouging at the pump, but analysts say it's unfounded, meanwhile AAA says hurricane Rita didn't pack as much of a punch at the pumps as predicted, but the storm has definitely kept prices from falling.

NEWS 4 September 28-Mayro Anthony Williams is set to announce that he won't seek reelection. Sources say Williams plans to make the announcement at a special meeting of his cabinet and some of his political supporters.

NEWS 4 September 28-There are major developments in the Maryland Governor's race, Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley is expected to announce he is running for the Democratic nomination.

NEWS 4 September 28-A major shake up on Capitol Hill, House majority leader Tom Delay is temporarily stepping down after a grand jury in Texas indicated him, the grand jury charged DeLay and two political associates with conspiracy in an alleged campaign finance scheme.

NEWS 4 September 29-Anthony Williams confirmed he won't seek a third term in office, but the Mayor told a cheering crowd he would remain involved until his second term ends 15 months from now.

NEWS 4 September 29-Mayor Anthony Williams says he will use the next 16 months to try to make a difference in the lives of District residents, but the legacy of his leadership is already being debated.

NEWS 4 September 29-Roberts will join the high court on Monday when the justices begin their new term, with the Roberts confirmation now out of the way attention will shift back to the White House to see whom President Bush will nominate to replace Sandra Day O' Connor.

NEWS 4 September 30-A bill in Congress to give the District voting rights in the House of Representatives could get an important test vote by next summer.

NEWS 4 September 30-Two of Virginia's three candidates for Governor met for a debate at George Mason University, but it was the man who wasn't there Republican Jerry Kilmore who drew most of the fire.

Health

NEWS 4 July 1-Summer is filled with all kinds of outdoor activities, and despite vigilant efforts to keep children safe.

NEWS 4 July 1-A High School in Alexandria is dealing with the death of 18-year-old Kelley Swanson. Virginia Health Officials suspect she contracted bacteria that causes meningitis.

NEWS 4 July 4-A government panel is now recommending that all pregnant women be screened for HIV. The United States Preventive Services Task Force said it revised its guidelines because testing has shown to be successful in preventing the spread of the disease to babies.

NEWS 4 July 4-An anti-psychotic drug is showing promise in treating some children with Autism. The drug is called Risperdal and is used to treat schizophrenia in adults.

NEWS 4 July 4-Anti-depressants may be beneficial to some heart attack survivors. That's the finding of a large study sponsored by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health.

NEWS 4 July 5-A new study concludes that vitamin E and aspirin does not protect against heart disease or cancer.

NEWS 4 July 5-Researchers say trampolines should not be used at home. The American Academy of Pediatrics already recommends that trampolines not be used in homes or recreational settings.

NEWS 4 July 6-A new discovery has the potential to change the way some people are screened for heart disease. Researchers have solid evidence that a certain type of fat found in the blood stream triggers the process that can lead to clogged vessels.

NEWS 4 July 6-There is mixed news about a treatment for premature babies, a study from the University of Chicago Medical center finds nitric oxide may protect the brains of premature babies born with undeveloped lungs, that protection appears to reduce their risk of being mentally delayed or having a disability such as blindness, cerebral palsy or hearing loss.

NEWS 4 July 6-Researchers at the University of Colorado at Boulder found that people who are obese burned more calories when they walked at a rate of two miles per hour.

NEWS 4 July 6-There's growing evidence that drinking coffee on a regular basis may reduce a person's risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

NEWS 4 July 8-A recent discovery could unlock some of the mysteries surrounding age related macular degeneration, a disease that robs people of their sight.

NEWS 4 July 11-When most people think of strokes they think of older adults, but strokes can strike people of any age including babies.

NEWS 4 July 11-When it comes to carbs, there seems to be a difference between men and women. A new study suggest that obese men do not metabolize carbohydrates as efficiently as obese women and are more likely to be carbohydrate intolerant.

NEWS 4 July 11-New research suggest an ingredient yellow curry is called curcumin and may have the potential to fight melanoma, the most dangerous type of skin cancer.

NEWS 4 July 13-A significant jump in the number of people going to extremes to lose weight, and some popular asthma medications come under scrutiny.

NEWS 4 July 13-There's a call for more people, especially young people to get screened for Chlamydia, a sexually transmitted disease that often times has no symptoms.

NEWS 4 July 13-There's been a dramatic jump in the number of people undergoing weight loss surgery. According to a federal study, nearly 72 thousand Americans had bariatric surgery in 2002.

NEWS 4 July 13-There's an urgent plea for blood donations. We often hear about the need for people to donate blood during the summer months, when donations tend to fall off, but experts say blood supplies in parts of our area have dropped to the lowest levels they've seen in a long time.

NEWS 4 July 14-A disturbing new trend about newborns, a study shows babies are being born with traces of toxic chemicals already in the blood.

NEWS 4 July 14- The Centers for Disease Control is making new recommendations about who should be eligible to get flu shot. The CDC is adding to its current list, people who may have breathing difficulties.

NEWS 4 July 18-Because of high temperatures, the DC emergency management agency put its heat plan into effect.

NEWS 4 July 18-Testimony began in the first Vioxx trial in the United States. Merck pulled Vioxx from the market last year after a study showed that long-term use can increase the risk of a heart attack or stroke.

NEWS 4 July 19-A group of parents will rally on Capitol Hill to express concerns about vaccines causing autism in children. But top health officials and doctors are speaking out on the issue, saying childhood vaccines are not only safe, but also critical to public health.

NEWS 4 July 19-A class action lawsuit is being filed against Dupont over Teflon coating for non-stick cookware. It's a five billion dollar lawsuit; it alleges that Dupont did not warn consumers that a chemical used in its Teflon causes cancer in lab animals.

NEWS 4 July 20-A new study has been released on women with non-cancerous breast lumps or abnormalities. The study finds that most of those women do not face a much bigger risk of developing breast cancer, especially if there's no history of it in their families.

NEWS 4 July 20-The annual report on the state of children's health and well being brings mostly good news this year. Immunization rates are up, and teen pregnancy rates hit an all time low, as did death rates among young children.

NEWS 4 July 20-Hundreds gathered on Capitol Hill to bring awareness to what they say is a link between childhood vaccinations and autism.

NEWS 4 July 21-A new government report sheds more light on chemicals in our bodies. Metals, pesticides, tobacco by products, even stuff from plastics and cosmetics. Scientists examined the blood of 24-hundred Americans; they found some good news as well as some concerns.

NEWS 4 July 22-Kids can be cruel to each other. But listen up mom and dad, because new research finds that social aggression among children is a learned behavior and one that can be prevented.

NEWS 4 July 22-Lizard saliva is now helping people treat diabetes. The FDA recently approved a new injectable drug called Byetta.

NEWS 4 July 25-An experimental treatment designed to help overweight and obese people lose weight. The treatment involves injections of a hormone naturally found in the small intestine that tells the brain when the stomach is full.

NEWS 4 July 25-There's some mixed news about the elderly and exercise, a new study finds that as people age, their aerobic capacity drops dramatically whether they exercise or not.

NEWS 4 July 25-When it comes to preventing bone loss, vitamin d supplements may not provide a lot of benefit for black women who are post menopausal.

NEWS 4 July 25-The Virginia Department of Health is taking steps to try to reduce the number of children born with birth defects. The department will offer free folic acid supplements to women at family planning clinics in parts of the commonwealth, including northern Virginia.

NEWS 4 July 26-The hot humid weather is unhealthily for some people. Hospitals are seeing a spike in heat related problems, and warning folks to take it easy.

NEWS 4 July 26-A DC firefighter who nearly lost his life trying to save others, is back on the job after months of recovery. It was a cold January night when Carroll rushed into The Marbury Plaza Apartments fighting flames and searching for anyone trapped inside.

NEWS 4 July 26-The extreme heat can be especially dangerous for young children, but there are steps you can take to ensure that your kids are safe and secure. The American Academy of Pediatrics says the best line of defense against the sun is covering up.

NEWS 4 July 27-What was supposed to be a time of fun and staying cool for one area child ended with a scare, after he was shocked when he climbed out of the pool. It happened in Southwest Washington at the Randall Pool.

NEWS 4 July 27-Something that has happened to every kid at one time or another. Wetting the Bed. It's usually no big deal, but for some children and their parents it can become a real problem. The good news is that there are some strategies for solving this problem that you might not know about.

NEWS 4 July 29-The Food and Drug Administration may lift the ban on silicone gel breast implants. The FDA has spent what's called an approvable letter to Mentor Corporation, a company that makes the implants.

NEWS 4 July 29-People who suffer from tension headaches may get relief from acupuncture. That's according to a new study in the British Medical Journal.

NEWS 4 July 29-The Mayo Clinic has put together a list of the top foods that it says can help lower your cholesterol. At the top, oatmeal and oat bran, they contain soluble fiber that reduces levels of so-called bad cholesterol.

NEWS 4 August 1-In health news, being sculpted and fit, some teens are trying to achieve that look but at what cost. A new study shows about one in three teens are concerned about body image.

NEWS 4 August 2-To understand what happened, you have to understand autism. It's neurological disorder that affects a person's ability to reason, communicate and interact with others. Hundreds of thousands of children are affected; many autistic children can never be left alone.

NEWS 4 August 2-Arlington County reported ITS first case this year of a mosquito infected with the west Nile virus. Health Officials in Northern Virginia are warning people to protect themselves, even though the mosquito season has started late.

NEWS 4 August 4-Doctors at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington says they're optimistic about Baby Susan Torres' chance of survival. She was born about 12 weeks premature.

NEWS 4 August 4-A breakthrough for scientists trying to find a cure for chronic fatigue syndrome, it's not known what causes this exhausting illness, but researchers in London now say a biological reason may be to blame.

NEWS 4 August 4-Could you raise a baby without using diapers? A new debate is brewing about the issue. Supporters of no diapers say it's better for the environment but opponents say potty training too early can backfire.

NEWS 4 August 8-The death of Peter Jennings is putting a renewed spotlight on the dangers of smoking. Cigarette smoking is involved in nearly one-third of all cancer deaths in the country each year.

NEWS 4 August 8-Anne Arundel County health officials have been attacking rabies in the raccoon population by vaccinating at the source, dropping bait containing an oral vaccine in areas likely to have raccoons.

NEWS 4 August 9-Dana Reeve, the widow of actor Christopher Reeve announced that she has lung cancer.

NEWS 4 August 9-It's an alarming trend, skin cancer cases are on the rise, the findings of a new study are published in this weeks Journal of the American Medical Association. Researchers at the Mayo clinic found that people under the age of 40, especially women, are not properly protecting themselves from the sun.

NEWS 4 August 9-Breast implants are extremely popular, there were more than 300,000 of these procedures done last year. But the coalition of women's organizations says they haven't been proven safe and today called for a Congressional investigation into the FDA approval process.

NEWS 4 August 9-A mother and father in England are looking for someone they hope can save their son. He has a rare form of cancer and doctors in their country say it's too risky to operate, so the family is looking elsewhere.

NEWS 4 August 10-People dedicated to trying to stop the spread of HIV as well as helping those infected with the virus hope this report will serve as a wake up call.

NEWS 4 August 11-July 11-When it comes to carbs, there seems to be a difference between men and women. A new study suggest that obese men do not metabolize carbohydrates as efficiently as obese women and are more likely to be carbohydrate intolerant.

NEWS 4 August 11-You have to drink water to stay healthy when you're out in the hot sun, but sometimes too much water can be dangerous.

NEWS 4 August 11-There's a reminder to safely store, prepare and handle food to avoid the bacteria that causes stomach illnesses. The Virginia Department of Health says there's been an increase in those cases which is common during the summer.

NEWS 4 August 11-If your child plays sports there's something you may want to add to your back to school shopping list, it's a mouth guard. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry says most oral injuries happen when athletes are not wearing mouth protection.

NEWS 4 August 12-There has been a potential breakthrough in the fight against the deadly AIDS virus, a researcher at the University of North Carolina says he found a new treatment for AIDS that may lead to a cure. The findings come out of a very small study involving only 4 patients.

NEWS 4 August 12-Patients taking the powerful acne drug Accutane will soon be required to enroll in a national registry, Accutane can cause severe birth defects in babies born to women taking the drug.

NEWS 4 August 12-There may be a new way to have fun in the sun while staying safe from the sun's harmful rays. A new UV sensitive sun sticker can help you determine when you're in danger.

NEWS 4 August 12-A Pennsylvania Company is recalling packages of seafood spread that could cause an allergic reaction, Esh Foods announced its pulling the five-pound packages because they contain unlisted seafood cocktail and shrimp, the spread could cause serious reactions in people allergic to shrimp, milk or imitation crabmeat.

NEWS 4 August 15-Recent headlines about lung cancer have caused smokers to consider a relatively new form of CAT Scan, it can spot lung tumors the size of a pea.

NEWS 4 August 15-There's a new effort underway to try to control the spread of AIDS in the District, statistics are alarming. One in seven African American men in the city are infected with HIV or AIDS, that's the highest rate of any city in the country.

NEWS 4 August 16-Researchers say nearly 90 percent of children are getting the chicken pox vaccine and they say the benefits of the vaccine are immeasurable, a report in the journal of American Medical Association compared health care costs and treatment before and after the vaccine was introduced.

NEWS 4 August 16-Doctors have made great strides in treating people who suffer from an irregular heartbeat, new technology is helping patients eliminate this common heart disorder.

NEWS 4 August 17-Studies over the past two decades have shown that blacks have less access to better doctors, hospitals and health plans than whites, now three federally funded studies appearing in the New England Journal of Medicine show evidence that gap is lessening.

NEWS 4 August 18-Some fast food chains and restaurants are making an about face, about a year or two ago some began to introduce healthier items on their menus, but the Washington Post reports that several national chains are dropping their healthier menu choices because of poor sales.

NEWS 4 August 18-Jurors in Texas are now deliberating in the nation's first civil trial involving Vioxx, a Texas widow filed suit against the drug company Merck claiming the once popular painkiller was responsible for her husband's death.

NEWS 4 August 19-A medical breakthrough in Baltimore; last month surgeons at the University of Maryland Medical Center became the first in the country to implant a new type of heart pump in a patient. 40-year-old Shawn Henson had end stage heart failure and could barely walk up a flight of stairs.

NEWS 4 August 22-Researchers may have found a way to create stem cell without destroying embryos. Researchers at Harvard Stem Cell Institute announced they have found a way to fuse human adult skin cells with embryonic cells, scientists say the so called hybrid cells open up the possibility of someday tailoring cells to treat a patient's disease, like Parkinson's or Alzheimer's.

NEWS 4 August 23-A new report finds that obesity rates in the United States rose last year in all but one state and the government policies aren't doing enough to combat the problem, the report was prepared by a group called Trust for America's Health.

NEWS 4 August 24-A good laugh may do more for you than you realize, it may improve your health. Researchers are studying how laughter can lower blood pressure and even provide an aerobic workout.

NEWS 4 August 25-Migraines are excruciatingly painful headaches but what causes them? New research finds that at least one type of migraine may be triggered by something that starts in the heart and not the brain.

NEWS 4 August 26-A new vaccine for adolescents, depending on how old your child is, this year's back to school check up could include an extra shot.

NEWS 4 August 30-The problem of childhood obesity has been getting a lot of attention in this country, food choices are a concern overseas as well. A study finds that half of the children in Britain are fed French fries, cake, and chocolate every day.

NEWS 4 August 31-With conditions deteriorating, Federal Officials declared a public health emergency from the entire Gulf Coast region.

NEWS 4 September 1-For the small number of Gulf Coast residents who can get back their homes, mold will likely be a big and dangerous problem, the water and moisture inside flooded homes creates a health hazard for even the healthiest people.

NEWS 4 September 2-The US Navy Hospital ship Comfort could begin its journey to the Gulf Coast region to help with relief efforts.

NEWS 4 September 6-Most of us don't think about modifying our homes until disability strikes us or a loved one, tonight we introduce you to a couple who wish they had taken steps sooner to make their home safe and secure.

NEWS 4 September 7-Nine days after Katrina and we're learning more about the unhealthy conditions in New Orleans. The EPA has issued a warning about the floodwaters, officials say the water is highly contaminated with sewage related bacteria and has high levels of lead in it.

NEWS 4 September 8-In news for your health, it could be a major breakthrough for millions of diabetics who must use needles to manage their blood sugar, a federal advisory panel announced it will recommend to the Food and Drug Administration that it approve the first inhaled form of insulin.

NEWS 4 September 13-Since the mid-1980's thousands of area residents have raised funds to help fight AIDS, in a couple of weeks the annual AIDS Walk in Washington will take place. The money raised will benefit the Whitman Walker Clinic, which provides medical services for people with HIV and AIDS.

NEWS 4 September 14-An extraordinary transplant operation has given a 43-year-old man a new lease on life. Greg Marshall received six new organs in one operation, it's the first time a surgery like this has been performed in our region and one of just a few successfully done in the United States.

NEWS 4 September 14-They were on a medical mission, ten doctors and nurses from the University of Maryland School of Medicine and University of Maryland Medical Center arrived in New Orleans last week to offer whatever help they could.

NEWS 4 September 16-A newer type of mammogram may be best for younger women, that's according to a new study released. There are two types of mammography, one uses film x-rays and the other is a relatively new kind that uses digital imaging.

NEWS 4 September 16-Digital mammography takes an electronic image of the breast, those pictures are then viewed on a computer screen and can be enhanced making it easier to spot potential problems.

NEWS 4 September 16-A majority of bone tumors are benign, but even tumors that aren't cancerous have the potential to do serious damage, there is one treatment to stop tumors in their tracks.

NEWS 4 September 19-A landmark study offers new information about medications to treat schizophrenia. And it appears a bad marriage can make you sick. It seems a lot of people and even some doctors don't realize how important it is to keep an eye on their waistline, research has shown that carrying extra weight in the belly increases a person's risk for heart disease. Also new research shows that excess body fat can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, even in children and young teenagers who aren't overweight or obese. Finally it seems a bad marriage can be hazardous to your health, that's according to a new study in the Annals of Behavioral Medicine, people in the

study who reported a higher level of marital concern reported greater stress and had higher blood pressure, which can raise the risk of a heart attack or stroke.

NEWS 4 September 20-The Food and Drug Administration has recalled a drug given during heart surgeries, after a patient at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, Virginia died. The drug is an injectible medicine given to patients during bypass surgery.

NEWS 4 September 20-There is a move that could help millions of people living with HIV and AIDS, the FDA has approved the first generic version of the AIDS medication AZT.

NEWS 4 September 21-A new study suggests raising your good cholesterol is just as important as lowering the bad. HDL or good cholesterol helps keep arteries clear from plaque build up, researchers say each point increase in good cholesterol reduces a person's risk of suffering a heart attack by three percent.

NEWS 4 September 21-Silicone breast implants may be closer to returning to the market, the Food and Drug Administration gave conditional approval to Inamed Corporation which manufactures the gel implants. The FDA outlined the steps Inamed must take before final approval is given.

NEWS 4 September 22-Authorities at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, Virginia are investigating two more patient deaths that may be linked to a drug given during open heart surgeries, one patient died in January, the other in June.

NEWS 4 September 26-A rise in the number of young female athletes getting hurt on the soccer field, girls are at a higher risk for injuries a ligament in their knee called the ACL but there are things they can do to reduce that risk.

NEWS 4 September 28-It's no secret that as women get older they have a harder time getting pregnant. But what may not be as well known is that older women are more likely to have twins than younger women.

NEWS 4 September 28-The Food and Drug Administration is investigating another case, this time in Maryland where a heart patient experienced problems during bypass surgery, because of a contaminated drug.

NEWS 4 September 29-A new warning about a popular medication used to treat children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. The Food and Drug Administration issued a public health advisory for the drug Strattera because of concerns it may cause children and teenagers to have suicidal thoughts.

NEWS 4 September 30-A new discovery may help in the fight against ovarian cancer, a disease that often goes undetected until it is in the advanced stages. Researchers at Johns Hopkins have linked a gene called RSF one to the most deadly form of the disease.

Education

NEWS 4 July 4-Three different studies out today suggest that too much television has a negative impact on a child's learning ability.

NEWS 4 July 6-The C&O Canal's rich history dates back to the early 1800's, construction on the canal began on July 4th 1828.

NEWS 4 July 6-It is an ongoing problem for DC Schools, fixing buildings that are in desperate need of repairs. DC Council member Adrian Fenty says its time for elected leaders to act and help modernize the city's schools.

NEWS 4 July 13-The call came about 2 1/2 hours before the scheduled launch. Lift off deemed a no go because of problems with a low-level fuel tank sensor.

NEWS 4 July 13-Talking Barbie caused uproar years ago when she said math is hard, the pint size shapely doll would have been more accurate if she said math is sophisticated, modern and complex, and with each generation it's complexity just multiplies.

NEWS 4 July 13-An historic vessel has sailed into port in Baltimore, the Danmark, a 253-foot tall ship arrived at the Inner Harbor. The ship was built in 1933 and is owned by the Danish Marine authority.

NEWS 4 July 21-The home known as The White House of southeast may soon change color. The Frederick Douglass house in Anacostia, the US Park Service says Douglass painted the place brown back in the 1890's.

NEWS 4 August 8-The shuttle discovery is spending another day in space, NASA delayed the landing because of bad weather in Florida. Clouds threatened two early morning opportunities for discovery to land.

NEWS 4 August 8-A first for Prince George's County School System when Bladensburg High School opens this year, so will a challenging new program to foster new interest in biomedical studies.

NEWS 4 August 9-Discovery's return to earth has been closely followed by employees at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt Maryland.

NEWS 4 August 12-A former top administrator in the DC school system says he wasn't to be on the front line, so Ralph Neal left his high ranking policy position to become principal of a charter school that will have some the highest academic standards in the city.

NEWS 4 August 12-There's a huge powwow underway at the MCI center, the sights and sounds were spectacular as the National Pow Wow got underway, dancers representing hundreds of American Indian tribal nations will compete during the three day event.

NEWS 4 August 15-School is back in session in some parts of the country and some students will notice some hi-tech changes in their classroom. Hundreds of rooms are equipped with what's called whiteboard technology.

NEWS 4 August 16-In the Loudoun County a new school year almost always means opening new schools.

NEWS 4 August 18-Two weeks from now students in Fairfax County head back to class, some students in grades 7 thru 11 will report to a new school that features the latest in high tech education.

NEWS 4 August 19-In Fairfax County a unique camp is helping kids stay away from gangs. Road dog usually refers to a patrol officer, but in the case of this camp DAWG stand for Don't associate with gangs, a message police hope they've drilled into the 40 kids who spent a week with them.

NEWS 4 August 22-A farm on the Eastern Shore of Virginia is about to become the center of a major international science project, scientists will be drilling into a crater that formed 35 million years ago when something hit the planet, the crater is near Cape Charles, Virginia.

NEWS 4 August 22-There's an old song that says a little bit of sugar helps the medicine go down and that principle is being used in education, it's part of a report from digital edge.

NEWS 4 August 23-Charter schools in the District and eight states are getting help from the Federal Government, the department of education presented Mayor Anthony Williams with a five million dollar grant, the money will be used over the next three to grow charter schools in the city, enabling them to lease or buy buildings.

NEWS 4 August 24-A unique camp that is the brainchild of a young local man is taking place this week at the University of Maryland, the camp is called Inno-Works, it stands for Innovative Workshops and the goal is to make learning fun.

NEWS 4 August 26-There's just a little more than a week of summer left for students who attend Arlington Public Schools, when the first bell rings on September 6th the Arlington County School System will welcome about 18,500 students.

NEWS 4 August 26-Prince George's County Public School Leaders are capturing national attention as they work to attract a very specific kind of teacher. School leaders in Prince George's County say research proves minority students do better academically when they are taught by teachers of their own race.

NEWS 4 August 29-Thousands of students from throughout the region had their first day of school, classes started in the District and six Counties in Maryland and Virginia.

NEWS 4 September 2-Hundreds of students at Howard University took time to remember the victims of Katrina, they gathered in the center of campus for a prayer vigil, also promising to support students sent to Howard from New Orleans.

NEWS 4 September 5-Arriving home are scores of College students, many are scrambling to continue their education, an area law school is making room for some students who just want to graduate.

NEWS 4 September 6-People all over our region are pitching in to help the hurricane victims, students at South County Secondary School in Lorton started their school year in a brand new building. While many feel fortunate to be going to school in new surroundings, they also are thinking about those whose lives have been turned upside down.

NEWS 4 September 6-School Districts in our area are doing what they can to support kids relocating from the devastated areas. Students moving here from the Gulf are considered homeless by the District, that way there's no need for the usual records, proof of shots. But the students may be far from homeless in terms of local families willing to take them in.

NEWS 4 September 7-The District and surrounding school systems are stepping in to help students displaced by the hurricane. Classrooms are making room for young people who are trying to continue their education far from home.

NEWS 4 September 14-After a long study a commission headed by Maryland Lieutenant Governor Michael Steele is recommending major changes in the way the state educates its students. Steele outlined 30 proposals, some of which include merit pay for teachers.

NEWS 4 September 19-Teaching Middle School students about science can be tough, but a traveling show of sorts is speaking the students' language. Science and math on the blackboard or straight from a book can be on the boring side for young students, but Honeywell and NASA have the laws of motion in a slightly different way.

NEWS 4 September 20-A very special event is going on, winners of the 7th annual Hispanic Essay Contest are receiving their awards. Telemundo has partnered with NBC4 to sponsor the contest since the beginning.

NEWS 4 September 21-Ray Charles' music is a part of America's soundtrack, and several items from the legendary singer's life were donated to the National Museum of American History.

Environment

NEWS 4 July 5-The water main break in northwest DC has been causing problems in the 44 hundred block of Reservoir Road at Foxhall Road, some customers in the area have low water pressure.

NEWS 4 July 8-People from Florida to Louisiana are preparing for Dennis and fearing the worst.

NEWS 4 July 8-Dennis ripped through Haiti and then Cuba, massive waves battered the shorelines while 150 miles an hour winds and driving rains pounded whatever survived the surf. This storm is a powerful category 4 Hurricane and taking aim on the Gulf Coast.

NEWS 4 July 8-Some people along the Delaware and Maryland coast worried about possible shark attacks.

NEWS 4 July 15-A massive realignment project on I-95 near the Wilson Bridge is scheduled to begin. The work is supposed to begin at 8pm and last until early Monday morning.

NEWS 4 July 18-Hurricane Emily has cleared the Yucatan Peninsula, but it could make a return to Mexico. Emily was a category 4 storm when it slammed in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

NEWS 4 July 18-Charges are filed in connection with a school bus crash in Arlington that ended the lives of two young children. That crash happened back on April 18th, killing two students of the Hoffman Boston Elementary School in Arlington.

NEWS 4 July 18-Governors from across the nation are voicing their concerns about the cost of imposing new restrictions on driver's licenses. They say the REAL ID Act passed last month will force motor vehicle offices to operate like the FBI.

NEWS 4 July 19-A HAZMAT team was called to a neighborhood in Chantilly, Virginia after a gas line ruptured. It happened around 9:15 in the 35-hundred block of West Ox Road.

NEWS 4 July 20-There was a HAZMAT situation at Sousa Middle School in southeast DC. Crews were called to the school for a report of a chemical spill. Authorities say a moving company was removing a locker, when a bottle inside the locker leaked.

NEWS 4 July 25-The stifling heat and humidity is really starting to take its toll on folks who suffered from the severe storms over the weekend.

NEWS 4 July 27-People all across the region are being asked to conserve power, as power companies try to keep up with high demand.

NEWS 4 July 28-A group of friends was struck by lightning, and the 911 dispatcher who helped them through their ordeal.

NEWS 4 July 28-around other parts of the area, people are cleaning up from heavy damage from the storms. The winds and heavy rains brought down a lot of trees and limbs, and littered the area with debris. Hundreds were also left without power.

NEWS 4 July 29-Thousands remain in the dark as the region recovers from Wednesday's powerful thunderstorms, more than 150 thousands people lost their lights.

NEWS 4 July 29-The population of the once endangered Bald Eagle is soaring in our area. That's according to the latest aerial survey by the College of William and Mary.

NEWS 4 August 4-The area's utility companies are asking residents to conserve energy as the demand for power can cause a drain on the system.

NEWS 4 August 15-Several underground fires closed off a busy area of downtown, authorities say excavation work around 15th and L streets northwest is said to have sparked the fires. They were digging around fuel tanks buried there.

NEWS 4 August 17-It's been another rough day for the District's Department of Motor Vehicles, a sewage leak was discovered at the DMV's office at 301 C street northwest and that forced the office to close for most of the day.

NEWS 4 August 17-Months after a house exploded in Prince George's County, gas leaks are still a major problem. Now the community and even some angry politicians are putting pressure on the gas company.

NEWS 4 August 17-Hundreds of animals are endangered or threatened in the state of Virginia, a new report out found 925 species are in trouble. Animals such as the loggerhead sea turtle and peregrine falcon already are on federal and state lists of endangered or threatened species.

NEWS 4 August 17-Some environmentalists in Maryland are upset about a plan they say will further harm the oyster population in the Chesapeake Bay. Maryland Governor Bob Ehrlich has proposed expanding areas in the bay where watermen can use power dredges to scoop up oysters.

NEWS 4 August 19-A huge crane toppled over on the Shops of Bethesda in Montgomery County.

NEWS 4 August 19-Loudoun County is looking to the future and it's starting with water, in one of the fastest growing countries in the nation that issue could slow development.

NEWS 4 August 25-Katrina has picked up strength and is now a hurricane nearing the Florida's east coast, utility workers from the Baltimore area are on their way south to help with potential power outages.

NEWS 4 August 26-It was a terrifying experience for more than a dozen children age's three to five; they were on a nature walk near their daycare center in Silver Spring around noon when most of them got stung.

NEWS 4 August 31-Damage is widespread in Mississippi and hundreds are feared dead in the hardest hit areas of Biloxi and Gulfport Mississippi, hundreds of thousands remain without power and looting has become a severe problem as officials focus on helping survivors.

NEWS 4 August 31-Officials with the National Weather Service are in Fauquier County trying to determine if a tornado touched down in the area last night, more than a dozen homes were damaged in Virginia near Marshall

NEWS 4 September 1-The Army Corps of Engineers says one of the breaches in the New Orleans levee system will be repaired by day's end.

NEWS 4 September 2-As some victims are moved out of the hardest hit areas, relief is slowly trickling into others.

NEWS 4 September 14-The Federal Emergency Management Agency already has dispatched 200 workers to the North Carolina region to deal with the aftermath of the storm.

NEWS 4 September 14-With the death toll still expected to climb more progress is being made in New Orleans, more than two weeks after Katrina, work crews are continuing to pump water out of flooded neighborhoods.

NEWS 4 September 15-Ophelias winds were clocked at 95 miles per hour in Hattaras Village, enough wind to knock out power, but so far no inland flooding in the outer banks and the damage along the Carolina Coastline is minimal.

NEWS 4 September 21-The city of Galveston is no stranger to hurricanes, in 1900 the city was wiped out by a category 4 hurricane and in 1961 hurricane Carla packed a similar punch and caused dozens of deaths and billions of dollars in property damage. Researchers have been preparing for the next big storm.

NEWS 4 September 21-Hurricane Rita is now even more powerful than Katrina was when it came ashore and the category 5 storm apparently has its eye focused on the Texas coastline, residents are being told to leave from Corpus Christi to the entire island city of Galveston.

NEWS 4 September 22-Thousands of people are jamming the highways in Texas and have been all day as they try to get out of Rita's way.

NEWS 4 September 23-The exodus to escape Rita has been anything but smooth, huge backups, people running out of gas and tragedy.

NEWS 4 September 23-While Texans brace for the full wrath of hurricane Rita, New Orleans officials are once again watching their city fill up with water. The crucial levees that collapsed during Katrina are feeling the strain.

NEWS 4 September 23-Hurricane Rita continues to churn in the Gulf of Mexico and is moving closer to land, the category three storm is expected to come ashore early slamming the Texas coast, somewhere between Beaumont and Port Arthur.

NEWS 4 September 26-They feared the worse, and when hurricane Rita came ashore, she caused plenty of damage, but some residents in Texas and Louisiana say it wasn't as bad as it could have been.

NEWS 4 September 26-In Louisiana, more images of broken homes and broken hearts as the Mayor of New Orleans reopens parts of the city, many residents return to their homes for the first time since hurricane Katrina hit a month ago.

NEWS 4 September 28-It has been nearly one month since hurricane Katrina roared ashore along the Gulf Coast as a fierce Category 4 storm and some areas it looks like it was just yesterday. Confusion and devastation still reign in New Orleans, a city hit hard by Katrina.

NEWS 4 September 28-Help is on the way for displaced families, the hammers keep pounding at Humanity Plaza in New York. Rockefeller Plaza is just one of there locations across the country where hundreds of Habitat for Humanity.

NEWS 4 September 28-A massive project is underway along the Severn River, scientists hope it will mean a cleaner Chesapeake Bay in the years to come.

NEWS 4 September 29-The lack of rain is having a big effect on agriculture, it's become so dry that several Virginia Counties have now been declared disaster areas. Those include Fauquier, Warren, Loudoun, Culpepper, Rappahannock, Stafford, Prince William and Clarke.

Transportation

NEWS 4 July 1-AAA says 619 thousand people will be leaving the Washington area over the next few days. 85 percent of those folks will be hitting the roads.

NEWS 4 July 5-Fairfax County police are investigating a deadly accident that took the life of a pedestrian, it happened on Richmond Highway at Frye Road in the Alexandria area.

NEWS 4 July 5-Some fans who left RFK Stadium got a chance to ride on the new downtown circulator bus, the bus service won't officially debut until Sunday, but 12 buses were put into service to help ease congestion out of RFK.

NEWS 4 July 5-A new parking garage at the College Park Metro Station was officially dedicated, County and State leaders were on hand for the dedication ceremony, the garage contains more than 13 hundred parking spaces.

NEWS 4 July 7-There has been no known threat to the US; Metro Rail increased its security as a precaution.

NEWS 4 July 7-Amtrak, CSX, Virginia Railway Express and MARC are increasing patrols at train stations and they are keeping watch along the tracks.

NEWS 4 July 7-The security alert has been raised for subways and trains but not for air travel, people have been flying between London and Dulles but not without a renewed sense of caution.

NEWS 4 July 7-There's increased security on Metro buses and tourist busses following the attacks in London, authorities are using a variety of tactics to ensure that passengers are safe.

NEWS 4 July 8-Metro says subway ridership was just about normal for a summertime Friday. But even in an age of high-tech security equipment, local transit authorities are mainly relying on people and dogs to keep their systems safe from a terrorist attack.

NEWS 4 July 8-Heavy rain is being blamed for a sinkhole on the Baltimore Washington Parkway, the sinkhole is on the northbound side of the BW parkway near route 32 in the Laurel area.

NEWS 4 July 8-One day after the London attacks dozens of air travelers continued with their flight plans between London and Dulles.

NEWS 4 July 11-Maryland Governor Bob Ehrlich unveiled the state's preferred route for the Inter County Connector, the 18 mile toll road would start at the intersection of Interstates 270 and 370 and end at US one in Laurel.

NEWS 4 July 11-The pressure is increasing to strengthen rail and bus security in the US, Senate leaders are expected to restore tens of millions of dollars in transit security cuts when they return to Capitol Hill.

NEWS 4 July 11-Searchers are continuing to look for a pilot who crashed into the Delaware Bay after a mid air collision. The accident was captured on videotape.

NEWS 4 July 11-The Springfield Mixing Bowl is not going as planned, the contractor of three bridges is months behind schedule. Virginia's Transportation Department is giving the company until Friday to show how it plans to get the work back on track.

NEWS 4 July 12-The last mile of the beltway leading up to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge on the Virginia side, the outer loop is being shifted south this weekend over a period of 57 hours, starting Friday night at 8pm and ending by 5am Monday morning.

NEWS 4 July 12-Governor Ehrlich's announcement supporting the ICC has some commuters excited, others are once again picking up the protest signs in a last ditch effort to stop the proposed east-west highway through Prince George's and Montgomery County's.

NEWS 4 July 13-A major announcement from the Department of Homeland Security that will affect airline passengers flying in and out of Reagan National Airport. Passengers will no longer have to remain seated 30 minutes after take off or before landing at the airport.

NEWS 4 July 14-The Maryland Transportation Authority will cite drivers who get caught barreling through the E-Z Pass lanes faster than the posted speeds allow.

NEWS 4 July 14-some lanes will be closed on the outer loop of the beltway heading to the Wilson Bridge into Virginia.

NEWS 4 July 14-Riding a cab in Arlington is more expensive these days, now that the County Board has approved an ordinance that allows taxis to slap a 50-cent surcharge on every trip because of rising gas prices.

NEWS 4 July 20-Contract negotiations for the County's air traffic controllers are underway. The union contract covering 15-thousand traffic controllers is set to expire in September.
NEWS 4 July 20-New technology to report turbulence is being tested on some Delta Airline planes. Researchers at a NASA center in Virginia worked with a private company to develop an automatic turbulence reporting system called TAPS.

NEWS 4 July 21-The two drivers involved in that deadly school bus crash in Arlington were in court. 9-year-old Lilibeth Gomez died when the school bus collided with a garbage truck back in April. 7-year-old Harrison Orosco passed away from his injuries two day later.

NEWS 4 July 21-Acela train service to Boston returns this weekend. Amtrak yanked the high-speed trains last April after finding cracks in the brake systems.

NEWS 4 July 22-Metro Transit police say they're considering the idea of searching riders' bags, as a way to increase security on local rails. That idea is already being tested in New York City.

NEWS 4 July 22-A police chase ended up injuring the ex-wife of former DC Mayor Marion Berry. Police spotted a car they thought was involved in a robbery, and chased it down Martin Luther King Junior Avenue in southeast.

NEWS 4 July 25-The London attacks are helping spark new attention to transit here at home. What was supposed to be a brief press conference announcing security upgrades to Ride-On buses in Montgomery County quickly turned into the real deal when a suspicious package forced police and the bomb squad into action.

NEWS 4 July 25-The Lundberg survey says gas prices across the country fell half a cent over the past two weeks, and now stand at two thirty for a gallon of self serve regular. The cost of gas in the District is two forty two a gallon, that's up six cents from two weeks ago.
NEWS 4 July 26-With the London attacks still fresh, Metro is considering plans to randomly inspect passengers' bags. Members of Metro police force are heading to New York City to see how random bag searches are going in that subway system.

NEWS 4 July 26-More and more Maryland drivers believe buckling up is an important way to stay safe behind the wheel. According to a new survey by the University of Maryland, the percentage of drivers who say using seat belts and other restraints is critical, it jumped from 58 percent in 2004 to 74 percent this year.

NEWS 4 July 28-Area officials want the Federal Government to help more with Metro funding and other issues. Those officials say Federal Workers make up almost 40-percent of the Metro riders.

NEWS 4 August 1-Dozen of airlines and more than 20 million passengers at Dulles Airport is an air travel mega-center. Transportation Officials are trying to bring the sprawled out airport closer together in a 3-point 4-billion dollar project.

NEWS 4 August 1-Avis car rental is trying to drum up more business. The company will announce on Wednesday that it is lowering the minimum age required to rent a car from 25 to 21. Some other companies such as Enterprise already allow customers as young as 18 to rent cars.

NEWS 4 August 1-The Federal Government is investigating some Volvo Sedans and station wagons, after drivers complained the vehicles can lose speed or the engine can stall without warning.

NEWS 4 August 4-The Government is proposing to permanently restrict a wide swath of airspace over the DC Metro area. Pilots have strayed hundreds of times since the Government temporarily restricted that airspace back in 2003.

NEWS 4 August 8-A big surprise for customers at the DC DMV, they arrived to find the building closed through at least next week.

NEWS 4 August 9-Would you pay to get out of traffic? A new survey finds people who commute in Northern Virginia want more public transportation and are willing to pay for it.

NEWS 4 August 11-Major traffic jams are expected along the beltway because of more work on the Wilson Bridge. The inner loop construction will be going on east of route 295 to just west of the route 1 interchange.

NEWS 4 August 12-Worker will begin closing lanes on the beltway for work on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project, four lanes of traffic between 295 on the Maryland side and route 1 in Virginia will be reduced to just one lane.

NEWS 4 August 16-Northwest Airlines says it is prepared to fly with replacement workers if a threatened strike by mechanics take place, Northwest says it needs the union to make a billion dollars in cuts to avoid bankruptcy but so far the mechanics are not budging.

NEWS 4 August 16-Some disappointment for folks in the District who were looking to buy a used car from the city, normally the District sponsors a monthly auction to sell off cars found abandoned in the city but the auction was cancelled because of problems at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

NEWS 4 August 19-This is the Redskins preseason home opener and for the first time metro is making parking available for fans at some of their subway stations near Fed Ex Field but there is a big catch.

NEWS 4 August 23-The District plans to reopen its parking ticket office, but at a different location, 65 K Street has been closed since early August because of bad ventilation problems.

NEWS 4 August 29-A night time construction project to widen a stretch of I-66 in Manassas starts tonight, it will mean detours and delays, the Virginia Department of Transportation says a four mile stretch of I-66 will be detoured for about two months.

NEWS 4 August 30-District police are investigating a deadly accident between a motorcycle and a dump truck, the accident happened in the 38 hundred block of Wisconsin Avenue.

NEWS 4 September 6-When you headed out on the road you may have noticed more traffic, the day after Labor Day is usually very busy on the roads with folks returning from vacation and students back to school.

NEWS 4 September 14-Negotiations are continuing to avoid what could be a strike by bus drivers in Fairfax County, 150 drivers could walk off their job when their contract expires at midnight that would impact service on the Fairfax Connector.

NEWS 4 September 15-A bizarre accident involving a horse that ran into the path of an oncoming car killing a Prince George's County woman, the accident happened on route 4 near the Prince George's County Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro.

NEWS 4 September 15-It's not just road closures causing problems for Northern Virginia commuters these days, gas prices are driving many motorists to seek cheaper ways to get to work.

NEWS 4 September 16-Drivers who speed and run red lights beware, District police have added three new traffic enforcement cameras to their arsenal, motorists will be given warning tickets for 30 days but the grace period ends next month.

NEWS 4 September 23-It's good and bad news for commuters who use the Wilson Bridge, the good news is that the project is on time on budget and 43 percent done, the bad news is traffic in Maryland is going to get worse as the focus of the job shifts into the free state.

NEWS 4 September 26-Independence Airline passengers reacted with disappointment to news that the low cost carrier is cutting service to major cities.

NEWS 4 September 28-Another sign of progress at the Springfield Mixing Bowl, a new bridge will open Sunday. The bridge will carry traffic heading south on I-395 onto the outer loop of the beltway toward the Wilson Bridge.

NEWS 4 September 29-The Dulles-based independence air is expected to lay off hundreds of workers by the end of the year, The Washington Post reports that the airline's parent company fly I is struggling to stay out of bankruptcy.

NEWS 4 September 30-Teen drivers in Maryland are about to get a whole new set of rules for the road, starting this weekend some of the nation's toughest new driving laws go into effect.